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羅川真里茂 1

Hanayume Comics

Shanimuni GO

Vol.1

RAGAWA Marimo

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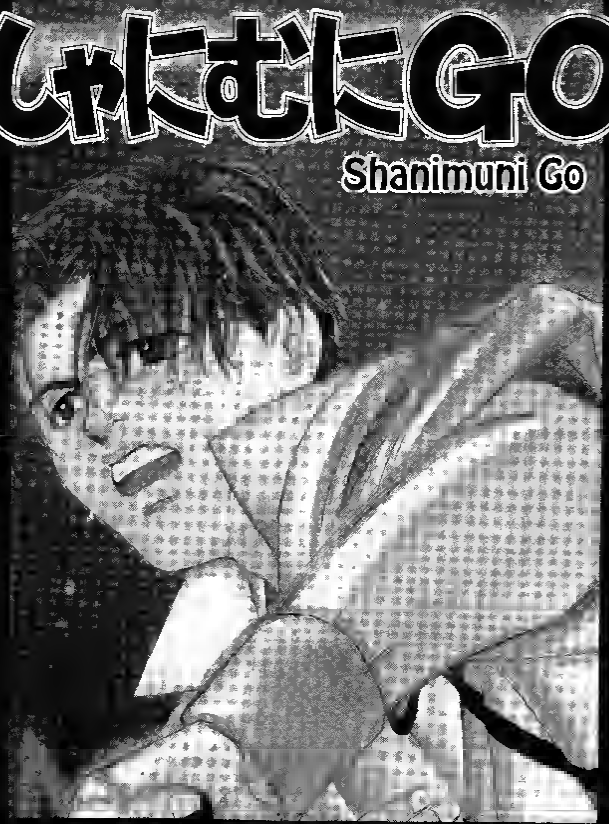

Marimo Ragi

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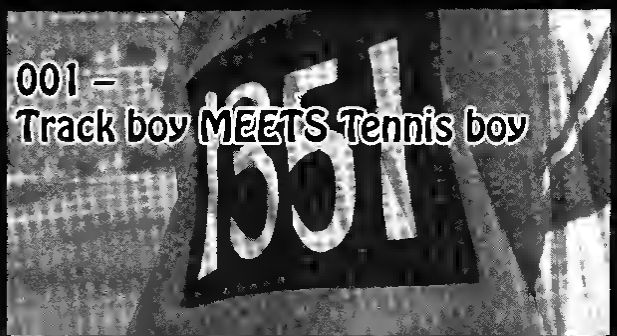
Track boy MEETS Tennis boy



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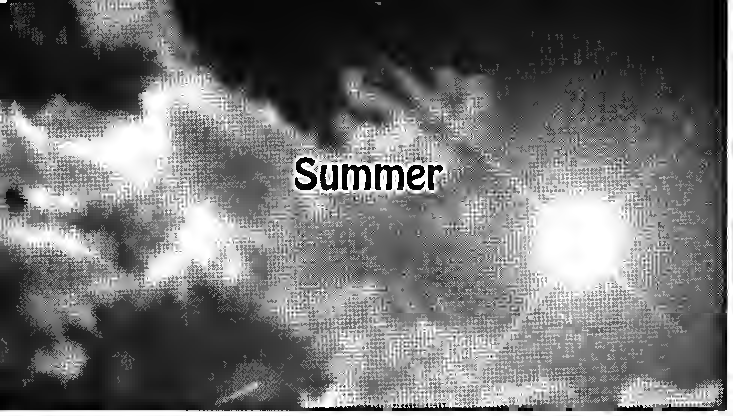
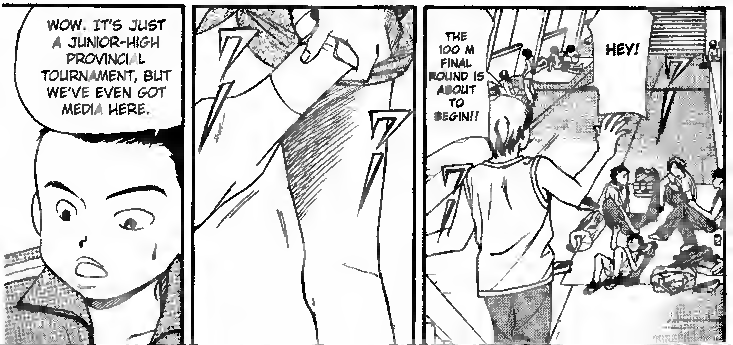
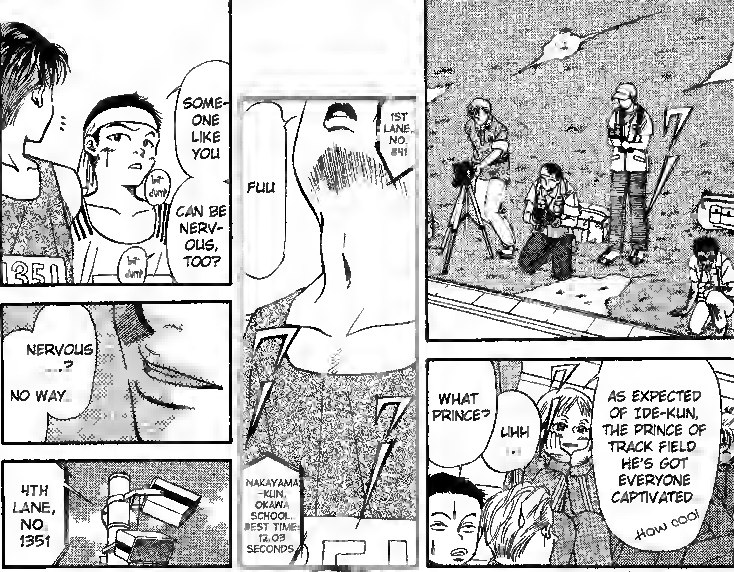


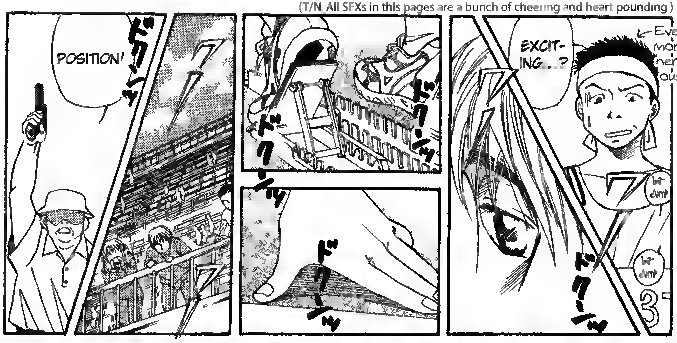
SFX:Cheer, Cheer




SOME-ONE LIKE YOU
CAN BE NERV-OUS, TOO?
1351
NERVOUS ...?
NO WAY
4TH LANE, NO 1351
FUU
1ST LANE, NO. 1141
NAKAYAMA-KUN, OKAWA SCHOOL BEST TIME: 12.03 SECONDS
AS EXPECTED OF IDE-KUN, THE PRINCE OF TRACK FIELD HE'S GOT EVERYONE CAPTIVATED
HOW COOL
WHAT PRINCE?
UHH ...

A TIME LIKE THIS,
IS EXCITING
IDE-KUN, KOMAGAMI JUNIOR HIGH
BEST TIME 11 21 SECONDS

(T/N. All SFXs in this pages are a bunch of cheering and heart pounding.)



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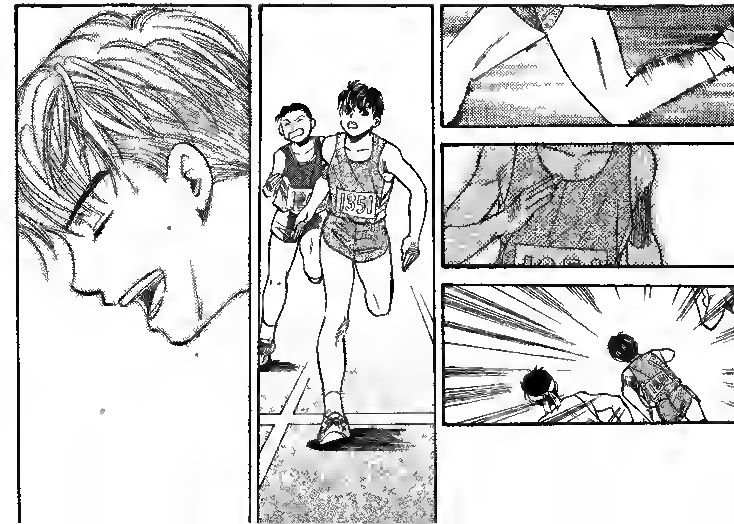

YES!
Ide-senpai, you're the best!!
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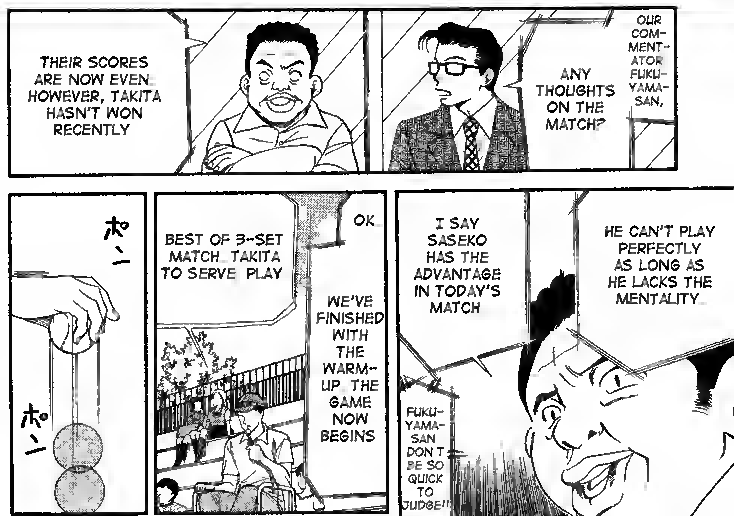
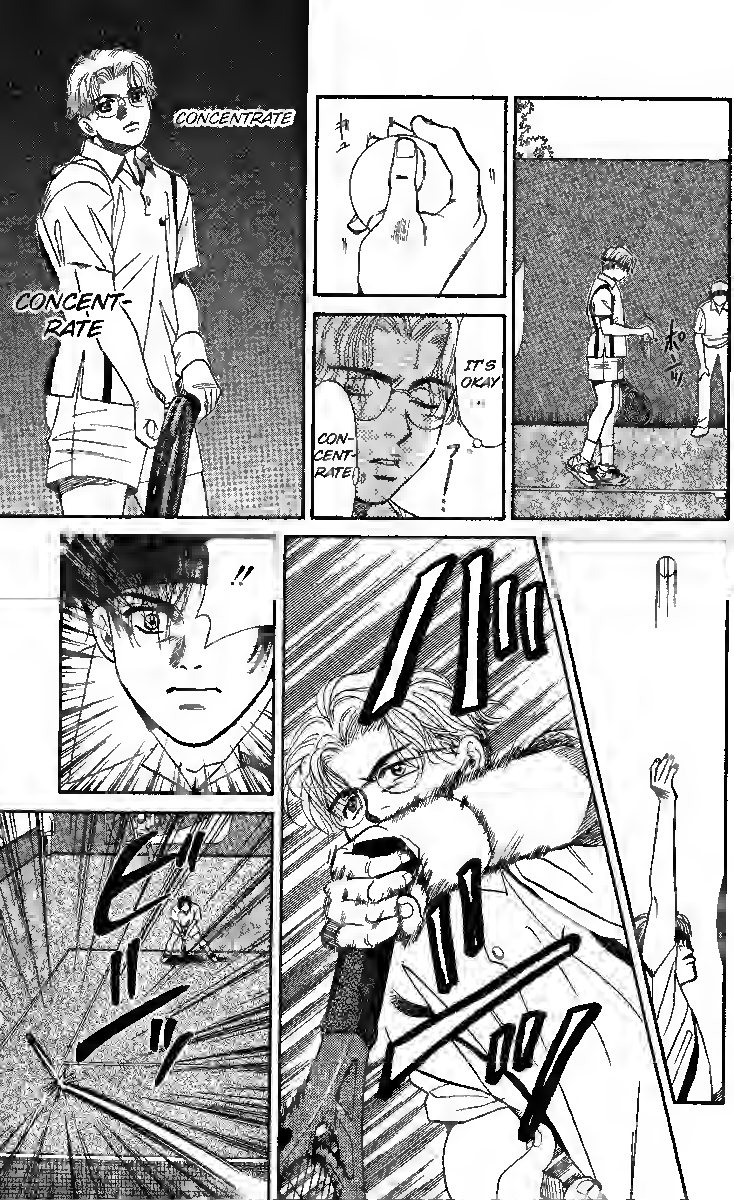
4TH LANE, NO.1351
FIRST PLACE
IDE-KUN
TIME...
11.04 SECONDS
NISHI
HELLO
THIS IS THE BROADCASTING LIVE OF THE LAGER CUP OPEN FINAL MATCH, TOKYO JUNIOR, UNDER 16.
ALL TENNIS FANS, YOU'RE WATCHING THE LAGER CHANNEL.

AND GRADE 9, SASEKO SHUN!!
THEY REPRESENT THE SAME TENNIS CLUB
AND BOTH ARE FAMILIAR FACES AMONG THE JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS.
IT'LL BE A VERY INTERESTING MATCH.
GRADE 9, TAKITA RUUI.


THEIR SCORES ARE NOW EVEN. HOWEVER, TAKITA HASN'T WON RECENTLY
ANY THOUGHTS ON THE MATCH?
OUR COMMENTATOR FUKUYAMA-SAN,
ポーン
ポーン
BEST OF 3-SET MATCH. TAKITA TO SERVE. PLAY
OK
WE'VE FINISHED WITH THE WARM-UP. THE GAME NOW BEGINS
I SAY SASEKO HAS THE ADVANTAGE IN TODAY'S MATCH
HE CAN'T PLAY PERFECTLY AS LONG AS HE LACKS THE MENTALITY.
FUKUYAMA-SAN DON'T BE SO QUICK TO JUDGE!!


CONCENTRATE
CONCENT-
RATE
IT'S
OKAY
CON-
CENT-
RATE
!!

HN.
TAKITA, YOU'RE IN GOOD FORM TODAY.
HOPE YOU CAN KEEP THAT UP TILL THE END.
I KNOW TAKITA WILL BE IN TOP FORM TODAY.
15-0
STARTED WITH AN ACE! SO DEEP IN THE CORNER, EVEN SASEKO COULDN'T GET IT.
FUKUYAMA-SAN, YOU'VE CHANGED SIDES?
LET ME
FIGHT WITH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL UNTIL THE LAST BREATH.
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE FUN.
.....

TAKITA IS MAKING SASEKO RUN FROM LEFT TO RIGHT!!
30 – 0
THE LAST LAP!!
IDE-KUN HAS SPED UP
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
WILL HE WIN THE 3000 M RACE AFTER THE 100 M SPRINT?

BOY. HE'S NOT ONLY GOOD AT SPRINTING, BUT AT LONG-DISTANCE AS WELL.
LOOK! HIS ARMS SWING BETTER AND HIS LEGS STRIDE WIDER.
WHAT IS HIS BODY MADE OF?
HAH
HAH
HUFF
OR CRUMBLE UNDER PRESSURE.
AND THOSE WHO COMPETE WITH IDE EITHER GAIN A BETTER TIME FROM TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH IDE'S SPEED
GOAL!!
IDE-KUN FROM KOMA-GAMI JUNIOR HIGH HAS WON 2 RACES!!
135
Ide!
I DID IT!!
IF YOU GO TO THE OLYMPICS, DON'T FORGET TO MENTION YOUR COACH'S NAME!!
IDE, YOU'RE MY PRIDE!!

Ide
Nobuhisa,
15 years old,
Grade 9.
He's been unbeatable in track racing since starting junior high. With high expectations for him, he is quite famous in the track and field world.
However.
Sen pai!
WITH 8 MINUTES AND 39.01 SECONDS.
Sen pai!
YEAH!!
SHUT IT!! WE'LL TAKE THE TRAIN!
Coach, I'm tired. Let's get a cab! A cab!!
he's also quite famous for his childish behavior amongst his close acquaintances.
NAME
FIRST SET
R.TAKITA
S.SASEKO
SECOND SET 6-3 SASEKO!
6-4 TAKITA

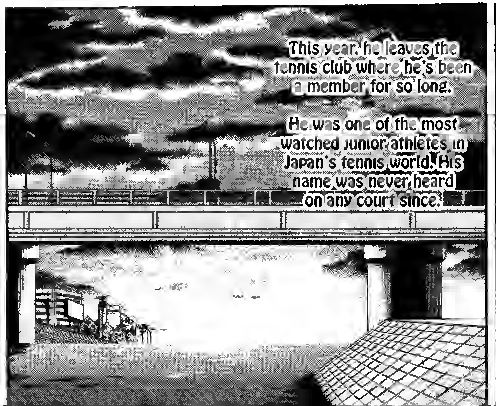
AND WE'RE WATCHING THE 8TH GAME OF THE 3RD SET.
5-2 SASEKO LEADS.
SUDDENLY TAKITA SEEMS TO HAVE LOST HIS FORM.
TAKITA'S SLICE WAS CAUGHT BY THE NET!!
TAKITA 30-40 SASEKO.
SASEKO IS NOW PLAYING A CHAMPIONSHIP POINT!
IF HE FAULTS AGAIN, SASEKO WINS
CAN TAKITA KEEP HIM FROM WINNING?
I HOPE HE TRIES HARDER
TAKITA
YOU DISAPPOINT ME.
WHY...
WHY...?
WHY CAN'T I...
FOCUS ON THE GAME?

HORRIBLE
EXPER-
IENCE...!!
WHAT
A...
THAT EMPTY HALT IN TIME...!
SUDDENLY IT OCCURRED TO ME..
LOOK-
ING BACK
(HEE)
(HEE)
TO SASEKO'S GORGEOUS WIN THAT HAS JUST TAKEN PLACE, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD, FUKUYAMA-SAN?

CHEEK
I SAY SASEKO HAS THE ADVANTAGE IN THE NEXT MATCH!!
HE CAN'T PLAY PERFECTLY AS LONG AS HE LACKS THE MENTALITY
FUKUYAMA-SAN YOU'RE REPEATING YOURSELF
SASEKO'S FOREHANDS WERE ESPECIALLY POWERFUL TODAY
WELL...
TAKITA STARTED WELL HIMSELF
WELL...
DAD.
!!!

I CANCELED MY WEEKEND O.T. TO COME HERE AND WATCH YOUR GAME. WASTE OF TIME.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL SEE ME COMING. THERE'LL BE NO NEXT TIME.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT TENNIS,
BUT I KNOW YOU SUCKED BIG TIME TODAY.
.....
I'M NOT A GENER-OUS DAD WHO WILL BLINDLY THROW AWAY
A HEAP OF MONEY FOR A SON WHO HAS NO AMBITION.
PUTS OUT
RUU!
MY RELOCATION SCHEDULE TO THE CHIBA OFFICE HAS BEEN MADE OFFICIAL
TAKE THIS CHANCE TO QUIT TENNIS
YOU WON'T GAIN ANYTHING FROM PLAYING IT!

WHY DO YOU PLAY TENNIS?
RUUI...
YOU...


This year, he leaves the tennis club where he's been a member for so long.
He was one of the most watched junior athletes in Japan's tennis world. His name was never heard on any court since.

Takita Ruui.
15 years old.
Grade 9.

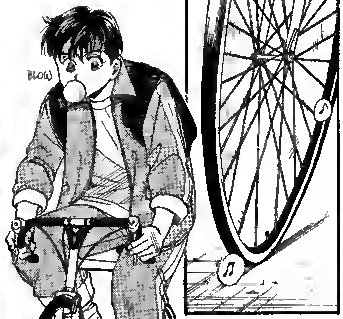
1/4 SPACE NO1

Hi, I'm back at Hana to Yume comics after 1 year and a few months. After finishing "New York New York", I'm here to meet you again.

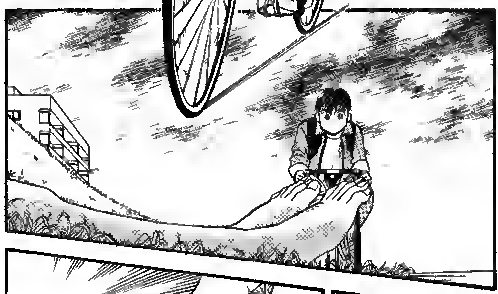
I'm Marimo Ragawa.

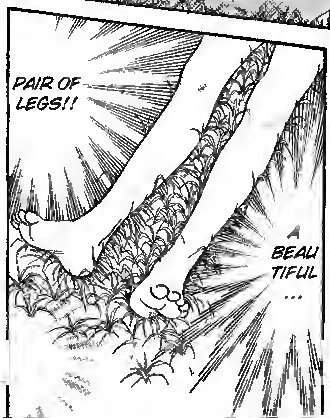
My newest manga, 'Shanimuni Go' is a story about tennis. Please give me support for doing a sport-related manga. I'll try my best. Whee~~

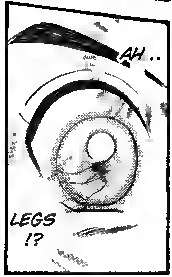
Sports are wonderful don't you think? Both the players and the spectators can feel the heat of the game at the same time. I want to convey that kind of passionate excitement through my story.



Commute to the practice field by bicycle.







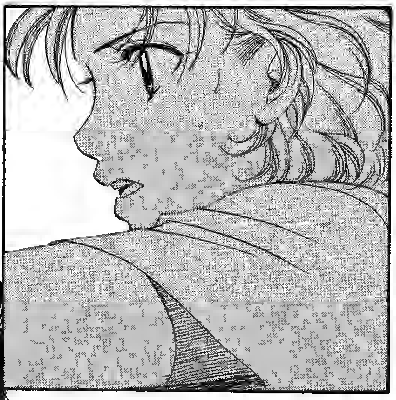
NGMM
HMM
gulp
OH
Get UP
twitch
twitch
EH?
IT'S... ALREADY MORNING ...?

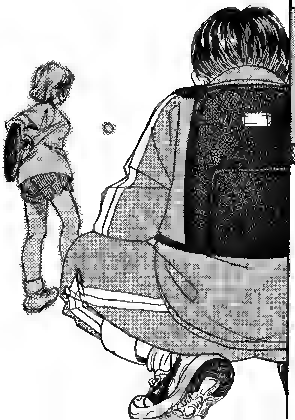
IT'S EVENING.
YUP
DOTTY, BUT CUTE...!!
CUTE!!
WAA THAT SURE SURPRISES ME
I SLEPT LIKE A CORPSE.
DID YOU SLEEP HERE FOR THAT LONG?
YOU MIGHT RUN INTO SOME PERVERTED SICKO IN THE EVENING IT'S DANGEROUS
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADU
SHE'S...
gum
THAT'S TRUE
PRACTICE?
BUT I WAS PRETTY BEAT AFTER PRACTICE!
YEP
VROOM

six'wave wave

Nobuhisa's eyes focus on what seems to be an ordinary knock board practice...

but he can't identify whether the object of his attention is that girl... or...





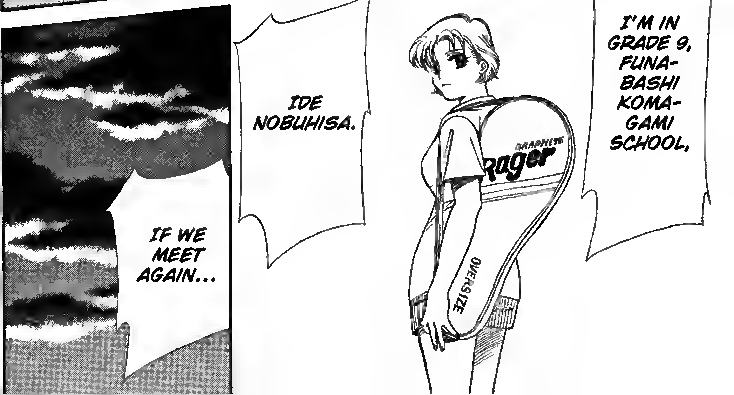
At that moment,

(T/N The name on the tag can be read as "Naoda" or "Takada" Ide read it as "Naoda")

AH
ぱしんっ
OOPS!
とっ
HERE
THANKS
SORRY
EH?
WHICH YEAR ARE YOU IN AT MAKUNO-GAMA HIGH SCHOOL?
NAO-DA-SAN
I SAW YOUR NAME TAG ON THE RACKET
YOU THINK?
OH
GOOD REFLEXES
YOU'VE GOT
TENNIS CLUB
FIRST YEAR.

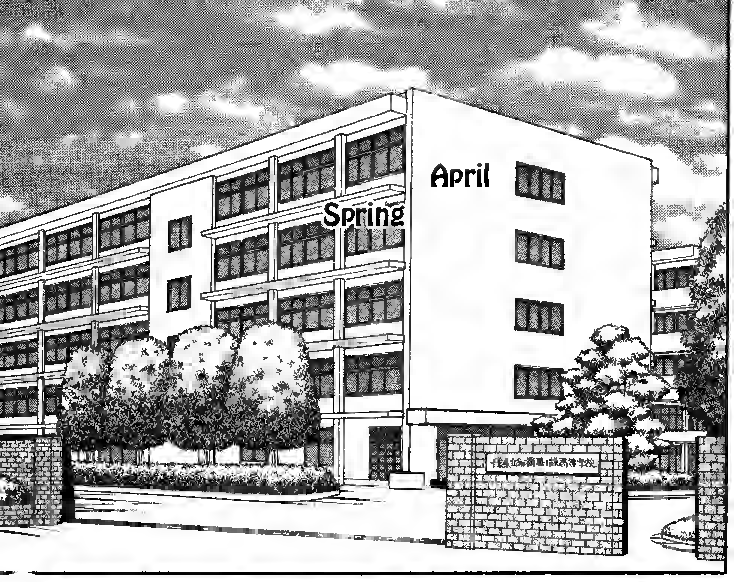
sfx: Yess!

Ide, you're creepy.



PLEASE
TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY TENNIS!!
OKAY.

CHILL OUT DISIS A PEN.
PAPA, MAMA
CAN YOU PASS THE ENTRANCE EXAM WITH YOUR HORRIBLE GRADES?
NOBU-CHAN!
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKUNO-GAMA? WHY SO SUDDEN!?
English 2
Coach
Homeroom Teacher
TEACHERS, PLEASE DON'T DISTURB MY STUDYING 593AD, SHOUTOKU-TAISHI BECAME A REGENT.
YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART!!
IDE-KUN, YOU'VE RECEIVED PLENTY OF SCORLARSHIPS FROM SEVERAL FAMOUS SCHOOLS.
History 2
How do I know?
WOOF
But as a result of his shallow thinking ...
WHY ISN'T SHE HERE, DEKA-PURION?
Ide Nobuhisa, from every possible angle, is a very simple-minded man.
NAODA-SAN ISN'T HERE AGAIN TODAY.
STRANGE!!
IF I ENTER THAT SCHOOL AND JOIN THE TENNIS CLUB,
WILL I SEE NAODA-SAN AGAIN, DEKA-PURION?
His path towards becoming a tennis athlete is definitely paved.
Lay down your hopes, young master.
PAT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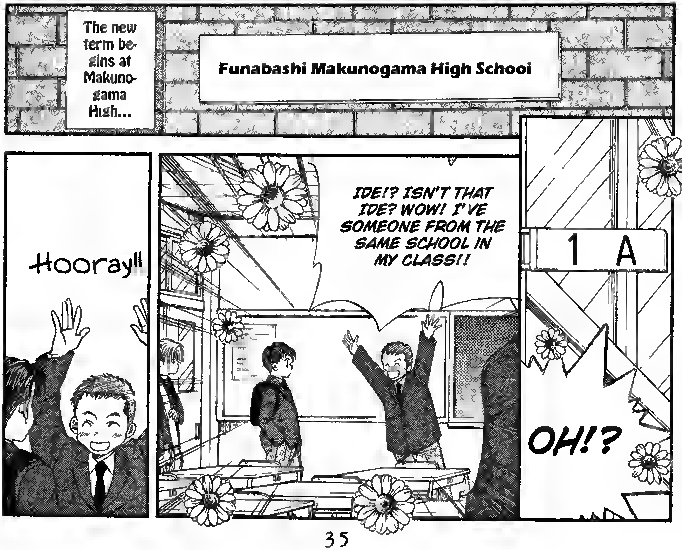
Spring


The new term begins at Makunogama High...
Funabashi Makunogama High School
Hooray!!
IDE!? ISN'T THAT IDE? WOW! I'VE SOMEONE FROM THE SAME SCHOOL IN MY CLASS!!
1 A
OH!?

OH... SORRY
MI-MIYA-MOTO HIRO-YUKI...
WE PLAYED LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TOGETHER IN GRADE SCHOOL AND WERE CLASSMATES IN 7TH GRADE!!
MY BRAIN ONLY RETAINS SHORT-TERM MEMORY...
It was only 2 years ago!!
WHO ARE YOU?
Whoops
NOPE.
YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB, RIGHT?
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE, IDE
I'M AIMING TO BE THE TOP IN TENNIS!!
Shortened his name
MIYA-MO-CHAN
HEH HEH HEH
NO? A TOP JUNIOR ATHLETE LIKE YOU?

(T/N: Soft tennis is like regular tennis but uses soft, rubber balls instead of the hard, yellow balls.)

I'VE PLAYED SOFT TENNIS* IN JUNIOR HIGH AND PLAN TO MOVE TO REGULAR TENNIS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
TO BE THE TOP IN TENNIS... YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN TENNIS BEFORE, RIGHT?
I HAVE HIGH HOPES TO MAKE IT COME TRUE.
Tennis!?
Why?
OH.
THIS MORON IS INSULT-ING TENNIS!
GOD!
SOFT TENNIS? REGULAR TENNIS?
WHAT ARE THOSE?
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE CHECKING OUT THE TENNIS CLUB.

HMM... I GUESS THESE ARE THE ONLY TENNIS COURTS IN SCHOOL.
THE WOMEN'S TENNIS CLUB! ARE THEY GOING TO PRACTICE WITH THE MEN'S?
YIKES! IS HE HERE TO PEEP AT THE GIRLS' PANTIES? PERVERT!
SPARKLING
EYES
LOOKS LIKE THIS SCHOOL'S TENNIS CLUB IS A JOKE.
YEAH. I CAME HERE TO SEE THEM, BUT MAYBE I SHOULD RECONSIDER WHETHER I SHOULD APPLY.
HAVEN'T THEY STARTED PRACTICE YET?
WHERE ARE THE TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS?
BUT I HEARD THE WOMEN'S TENNIS CLUB IS COMPETENT.
sfx: Loud music
WHAT'S THAT?
OVER THERE!
SOMEONE IS COMING
FROM THE ENTRANCE STAIRS.
THIS SONG!! ISN'T IT 'WE WILL ROCK YOU'?
WHO'S THAT GUY WITH THE RADIO THAT'S HEADING TOWARDS US?

BUT YOU MAY CALL ME 'FREDDY AOKI'
MY NAME IS AOKI TAMIO!
♪ Buddy you're a boy
♪ make a big noise
♪ Gonna be a big man someday
♪ Playin' the street
♪ You got mud in yo face
HELLO, NEWBIES WHO HAVE COME TO WATCH!
SORRY FOR THE DELAY.
H-Hey! WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING!?
URM
FEAR HAPPENED
I almost ran too
THAT WAS FAST. WHAT HAPPENED?
T-

"WE WILL ROCK YOU"
Words and Music by Brian May
1977 by QUEEN MUSIC LTD.
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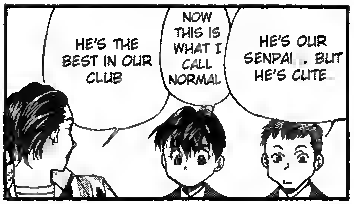
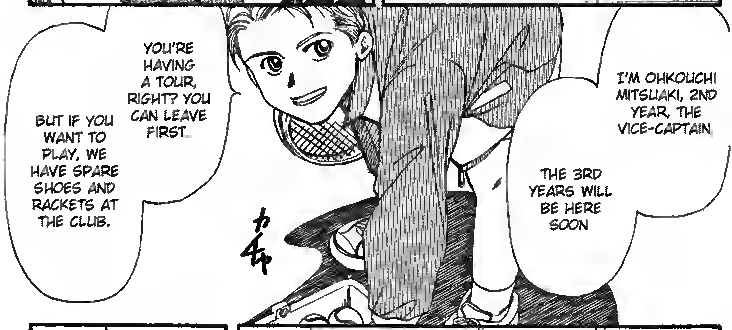
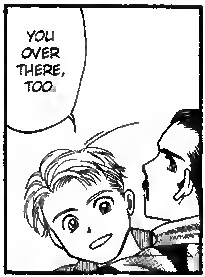
SMACK
WHO'S TEACHER.
HUH?
TEACHER,
I JUST WANT TO TRY OUT!
One year older than us?
A 2ND YEAR MEMBER OF THE CLUB!!
I'M
JUST ONE YEAR YOUR SENIOR!!
WHAT?
HOW COME YOU WERE THE FIRST TO ARRIVE?
IF ANYONE SEES YOU FIRST, THEY'LL RUN.
HEY, TAMIO


HE'S THE BEST IN OUR CLUB
NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL NORMAL
HE'S OUR SENPAI... BUT HE'S CUTE...

ARE YOU A YAKUZA?
BUT... I NEED TO GIVE THEM AN INITIATION OR THEY WON'T LEARN WHO'S BOSS...

WOULD YOU CUT IT OUT?
THIS GUY WAS THE ONLY ONE FROM OUR CLUB WHO REACHED THE 3RD ROUND IN THE ROOKIE TOURNAMENT...

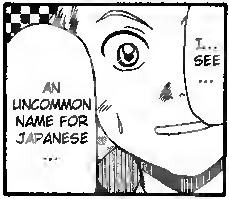

YOU'RE HAVING A TOUR, RIGHT? YOU CAN LEAVE FIRST...
BUT IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, WE HAVE SPARE SHOES AND RACKETS AT THE CLUB.
I'M OHKOUCHI MITSUAKI, 2ND YEAR, THE VICE-CAPTAIN
THE 3RD YEARS WILL BE HERE SOON

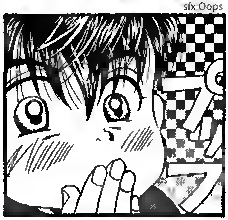

YOU OVER THERE, TOO.

ARE YOU AN ILLEGAL INSURANCE SALESMAN?
UCHI-KUN! JUST MAKE THEM SIGN THE APPLICATION FORM. COME ON!
I WANT TO TRY IT OUT FOR TODAY
OH! SORRY I'M JUST LOOKING AROUND TODAY

SENPAI,
I WANT TO APPLY TO THE CLUB TODAY
OVER THERE?
OH, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE
WHAT A QUIET GUY I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE HE WAS THERE
He didn't run away
TAP
TAP
I ALREADY BROUGHT MY OWN RACKETS, BUT...
IT WON'T HURT TO START TOMORROW, RIGHT?

WOW, YOU'RE SERIOUS? OF COURSE, THAT'S TOTALLY FINE.
NEW MEMBER!!
WE'VE GOT ONE!!
HE HAS HIS OWN RACKETS!?
I lose to his determination!!


I... SEE ...
AN UNCOMMON NAME FOR JAPANESE ...


sfx: Oops

RUUI.

I NEED TO FILL OUT THE FORM.
THAT CAN WAIT. CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME FIRST?
CLASS 1-D, TAKITA RUI!
TAKITA
WHAT?

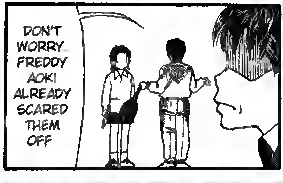
RUIRUIRUI
HOW COOL!! YEAH! RUI-RUI!
I'M FROM CLASS 1-A, IDE NOBUHISA. NICE TO MEET YOU.
TAKITA-KUN
YOU CAN BEAT HIM TO PULP NO ONE WILL TELL A SOUL.
Freddy Aoki gave you permission.

sfx: Glare

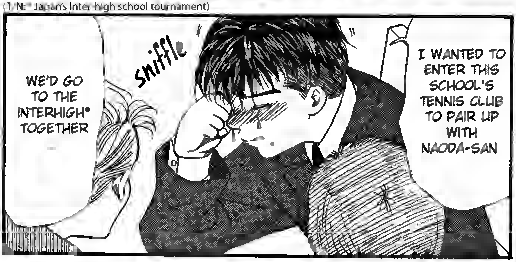
Takita Ruui
INSENSITIVE CLOWN?
AN
Ide Nobuhisa
NO LAUGH? WHAT A DULL GUY.
AM?
Their first impressions of each other are terrible.
パコ
パコ
わい
わい

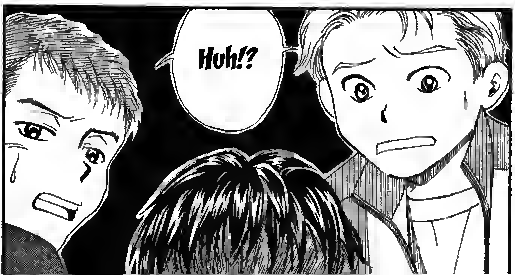
.....
ISN'T HERE...
NAODA-SAN
ISN'T HERE...
YES?
OHKO-UCHI-SENPAI!!
Don't you think that new member of the men's club looks weird?
IDE, S-STOP STARING AT THE GIRLS. YOU'RE SCARING THEM.
H
M
S-SENPAI?!
IS SHE NOT COMING TODAY?
IS THERE A 2ND YEAR MEMBER NAMED NAODA-SAN IN THE WOMEN'S CLUB?
I DO!
YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?
STEP
STEP

NAODA?
WHERE DID YOU HEAR THE NAME FROM?
W-
WHY?
YOU SEE...
THERE IS NO ONE NAMED NAODA ON THE WOMEN'S CLUB.
IN FACT,
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A 2ND YEAR STUDENT WHO GOES BY THAT NAME.
EH
HH
?!

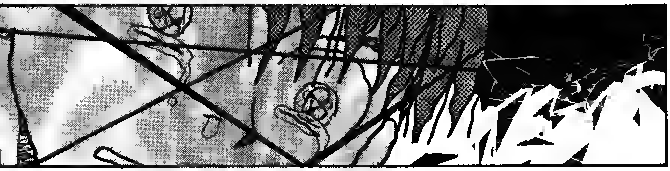


(T/N:* Japan's Inter-high school tournament)





deadpan
THERE IS NO MIXED-DOUBLE* TOURNAMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS ANYWAYS!!
!!
YOUR HOPES WERE FLAWED FROM THE START.
OH, OK.
SENPAI, I'M LEAVING.
see ya
.....
(Mixed doubles: one male and one female as a team)



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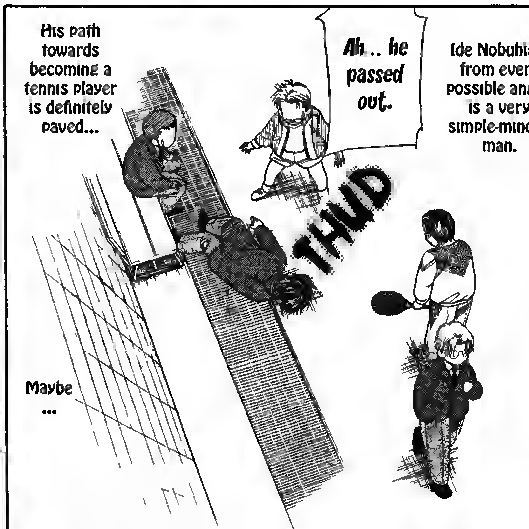
His path towards becoming a tennis player is definitely paved...
Ah... he passed out.
Ide Nobuhisa. from every possible angle. is a very simple-minded man.
THUD
Maybe ...

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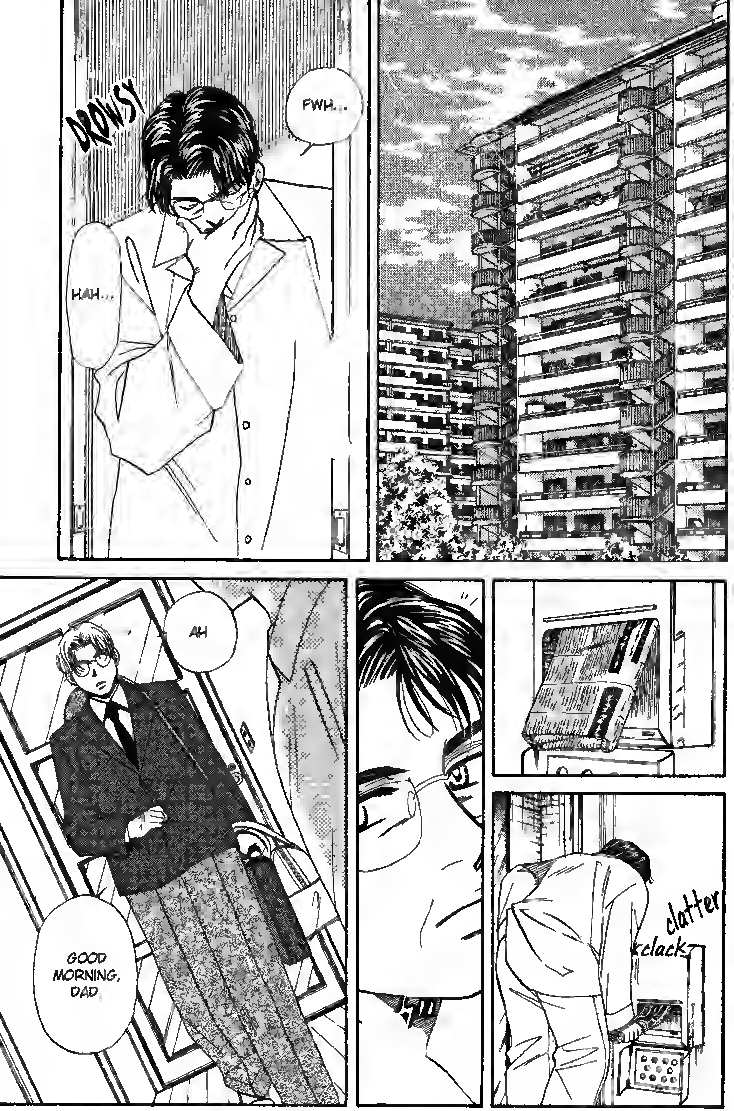

DROWSY
FWH...
HAH...
AH
GOOD MORNING, DAD
clatter
clack

RUU...
ARE YOU STILL PLAYING TENNIS?
.....
...GOOD MORN-ING...
HOW'S SCHOOL?
SAME AS USUAL, I GUESS.
IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW DAYS.
ONLY DURING CLUB ACTIVITIES.
BUT IT'S STILL TENNIS.
DAD, LAST YEAR YOU ASKED ME
"WHAT DO I PLAY TENNIS FOR?"
prince
GRAPHITE 110

I WANT TO...
Clack
BECOME A PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER.
.....
KUKUKUKU
!
PFPT.

FINE. SUIT YOURSELF.
IT'S JUST A SCHOOL CLUB ANYWAY.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU PLAN TO CONVINCE ME...
BUT EVEN AT COLLEGE LEVEL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THE TOP TIER.
THERE ARE SOME KIDS WHO PLAY INTERNATIONALLY AT A JUNIOR LEVEL TOO.
I'LL... DEFINITELY WIN THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT!!
SO... LET ME ENTER A TENNIS CLUB AND COMPETE AT A JUNIOR LEVEL AGAIN!!
IT'S POINTLESS.
DON'T WORLD-CLASS TENNIS PLAYERS GO ON A WORLD TOUR TO EARN RANKINGS WHEN THEY'RE YOUR AGE?
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
YOU DON'T EVEN STAND A CHANCE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.
YOUR...

1/4 SPACE NO2

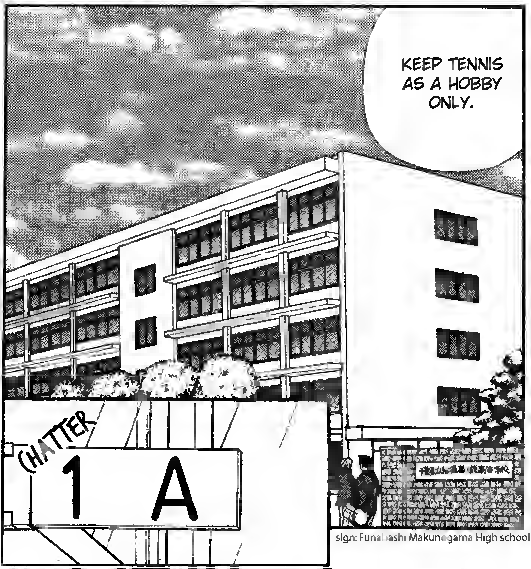
After I started writting Shanimuni Go, I realized that girls these days don't understand the word "Shanimuni" anymore. Maybe they don't use it as much as before these days. But it's okay. Fetch your dictionary and look it up.

Break time

Got it now? When I first came up with this name, the publisher totally objected, trying to get me to change the name. But I think this fits the story the most so I insisted. Thus, the name.

T/N: The word "Shanimuni" means "desperately; recklessly; rush headlong"

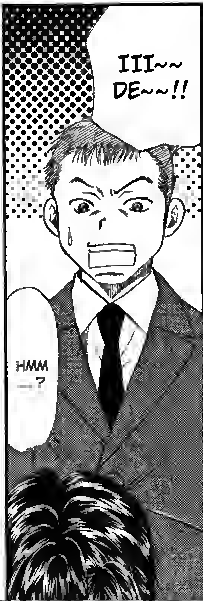
REALITY IS HARSH. IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT YOUR AMBITION WILL LEAD TO NOTHING BUT RUIN AND DISASTER.
DREAM OF BEING WORLD CLASS IS A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE!



sign: Funaishi Makuhegama High school

WHERE IS SHE?
NAODA-SAN.

IDE-KU~N
why dya wanna know?
I WENT TO THE TOILET. WHERE ELSE?!
MIYAMO-CHAN, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE DEPRESSED PLEASE DON'T DO IT ON MY DESK.
GET LOST!!


III~~ DE~~!!
HMM —?
THE TEACHER SAID HE NEEDED YOU TO DISTRIBUTE SOME PRINTOUTS. GO SEE HIM.
OH YEAH?
STAG GER
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
.....

EVERY-ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT ALREADY!
WHAT? DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE POWER OF GOSSIP!
HEY, MIYAMOTO-KUN, IS IT TRUE THAT THAT GUY USED TO BE A STAR ATHLETE IN HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL DAYS?
HUH? AH, YEAH...
He went to the Junior Olympics
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT THE TRACK & FIELD CLUB RIGHT NOW.
I don't know why.
Teachers' Lounge
BUT THAT GUY...
LOTS OF GIRLS HAVE THEIR EYES ON HIM.
EVEN THOUGH HE ENTERED A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL,
IT'D BE SO AWESOME IF HE BECAME FAMOUS IN THE TRACK & FIELD WORLD AGAIN.
HUH ...?
that idiot?
SENSEI, I'M HERE TO COLLECT THE PRINTOUTS
OH, THERE YOU ARE.
GIVE ME A MINUTE.

ICHI-KUN-SENPAI SAID ..
THERE IS NOBODY CALLED NAODA IN THE 2ND YEAR.
HE MAY BE IN THE SAME YEAR AS HER BUT SURELY HE WOULDN'T KNOW THE NAMES OF EVERYONE IN THE YEAR, RIGHT?
I can't even remember the names of everyone in my class.
HMM ?!!!
ATTENDANCE BOOKS
2-F
CHATTER
YOSH, NOBODY'S LOOKING.
CHATTER
notebook. Attendance book
SORRY FOR THE WAIT
IDE,
WHAT THE HECK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
Those are the attendance books of the other classes.
STOP THAT!
HEY! IDE!!

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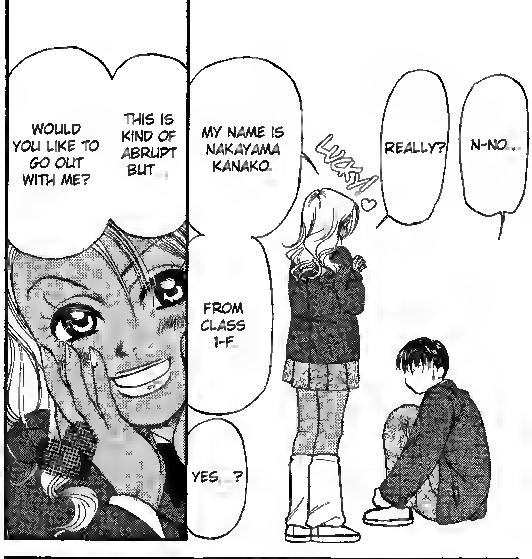
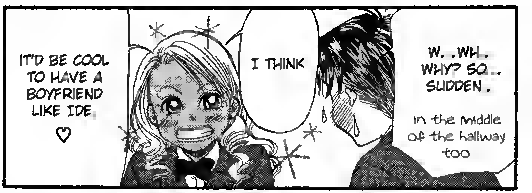
N...
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
N...
No !!
2-F
2-C
There really isn't a Naoda in the 2nd year!!
IDE...
THE PRINT OUTS
NAODA-SAN! NAODA-SAN!
A TENNIS CLUB MEMBER
I'M A FIRST YEAR
Wah
Wah
~~~

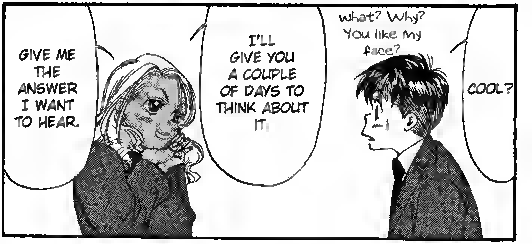
SFX:jump
SFX: thud
LIES!!
P.. PAIN..
DUNNO..
WHAT?
STING
STING
STING
STING
It hurts
ERM...
IDE NOBUHISA-KUN, I-A?
YES?
THIS MIGHT SOUND A BIT SUDDEN, BUT...
DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
HUH?

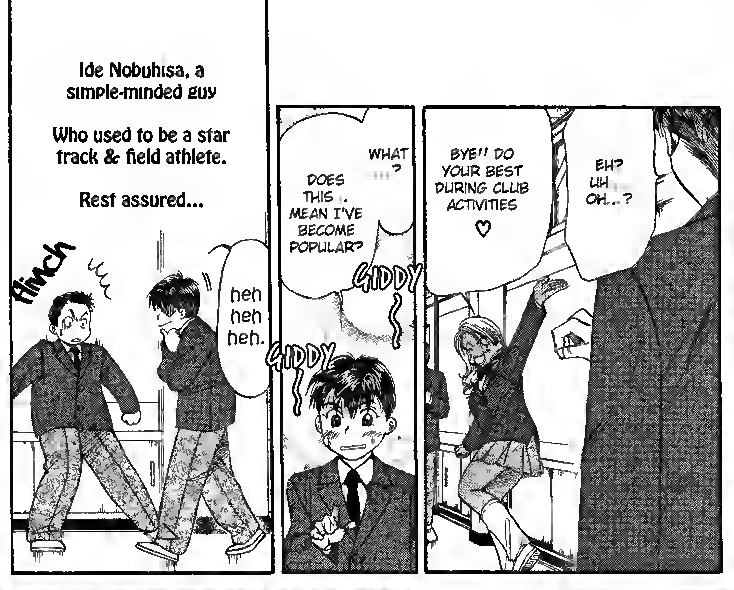
1/4 PAGES PART 3

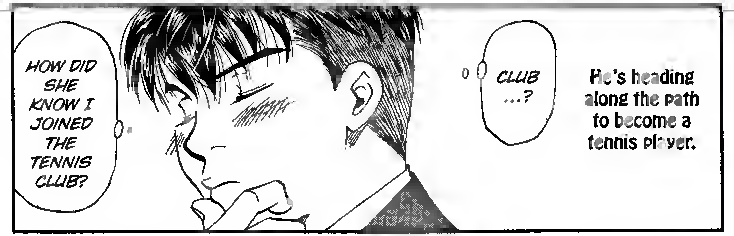
Sports manga fans will understand. There is something unavoidable when drawing a sports manga, not that it should be avoided, anyways. This author has tried her best to study it while keeping Marimo's style intact during the process. But when I start working, I feel that it's really, really tough. What's tough, I hear you ask? It's...





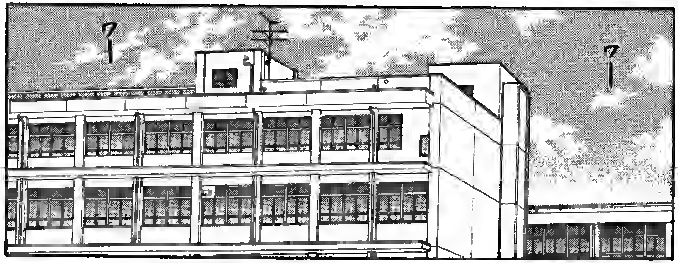


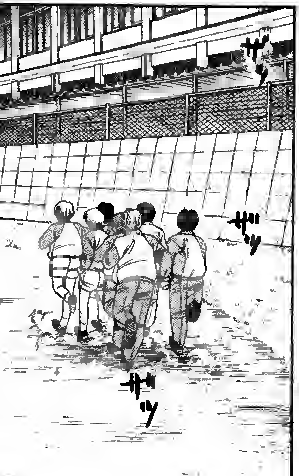

Ide Nobuhisa, a simple-minded guy
Who used to be a star track & field athlete.
Rest assured...
Hmch
heh heh heh.
WHAT ....?
DOES THIS.. MEAN I'VE BECOME POPULAR?
GIDDY
GIDDY
BYE!! DO YOUR BEST DURING CLUB ACTIVITIES ♡
EH? UH OH..?

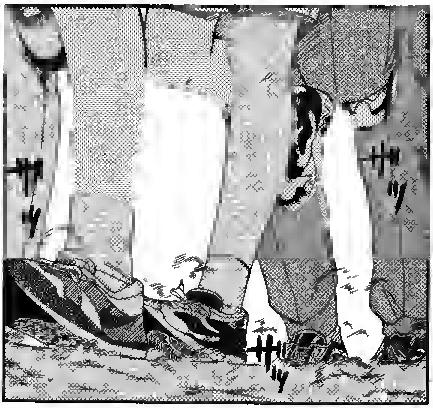

HOW DID SHE KNOW I JOINED THE TENNIS CLUB?
CLUB ...?
He's heading along the path to become a tennis player.

EH? YOU LOOKED SO DEJECTED A WHILE AGO...
IT WAS AN EVENTFUL LUNCH BREAK.
SO, WHERE'RE THE PRINT-OUTS?
LUNCH BREAK IS GONNA END SOON.
HEY, TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.
1 A

YOU
Are you an idiot?
I FORGOT







WHOA! STOOOOP!!
NOW,
FRESH
SNORT
Captain of the tennis club, Fuutani, 3rd year.
A SHORT WARM-UP SHOULD BE ENOUGH
Highest achievement: 2nd round of the district tournament. He's got glossy hair that doesn't go with his face.
ENOUGH RUNNING
WE SHOULD GO BACK TO THE COURTS AND PRACTICE THE BASICS
HUH?
THIS IS IT?
WE JUST FINISHED RUNNING AROUND THE FIELD FOR THE SECOND TIME
BUT I WANT TO RUN MORE...
AH... SORRY YOU GUYS FINISHED RUNNING?
I'LL MAKE UP FOR IT TOMORROW
CUT ME SOME SLACK TODAY... PLEASE?
3rd year tennis club member, Kitaguchi. Best achievement: always loses in the first round. He loves to do strange things.

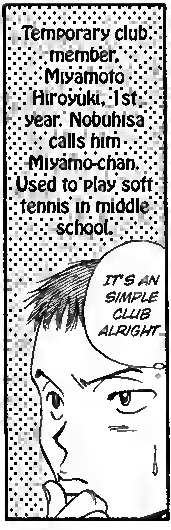
EH? OH... WE TRAIN HARDER WHEN THERE'S A MATCH SOON.
OHKOCHI-SENPAI, IS THIS HOW YOU PRACTICE HERE?
Vice captain of the club. Misawa, 3rd year. Best achievement: 3rd round of a rookie tournament. Has a tendancy to blend into the crowd.
I hate you, Kita-ouchi!
.....
DON'T BE SO STRICT, MISAWA-KUN.
SAVE THAT!! YOU'RE BEING A BAD EXAMPLE FOR THE KOUHAI!!
Chill out, Mom
Another Vice-captain. Ohkochi Mitsuaki. 2nd year. A.K.A. Uchi-kun. Best achievement: 3rd round of the rookie spring and fall tournament. He used to play soft tennis in middle school.
OUR SUPERVISOR? MIKI-SENSEI, THE JAPANESE LITERATURE TEACHER STOPS BY EVERY NOW AND THEN. BUT HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE WITH TENNIS.
AND THE SUPERVISING TEACHER OF THE CLUB?
ASK ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!!
FREDDY AOKI WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
WHO'S COACHING US?
THEN ...

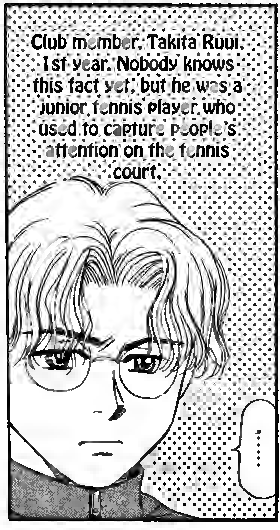
NO THANKS...
Club member, Aoki Tamio, 2nd year. He calls himself Freddy Aoki. He idolizes the late Freddy Mercury* with all his heart.
(T/N – Freddy Mercury – a British Indian rock and roll star)

Makunogama tennis club is a weak club
with three third year members and two second year members...

The proof of their weakness is
their current losing streak in every team tournament...

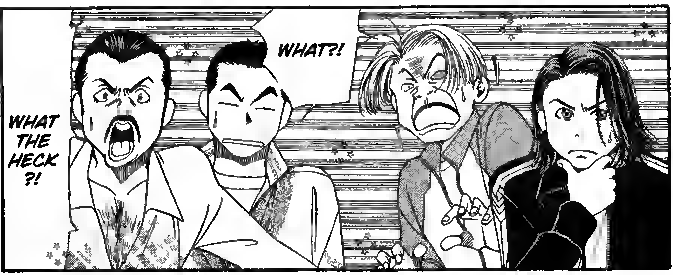
Of course...

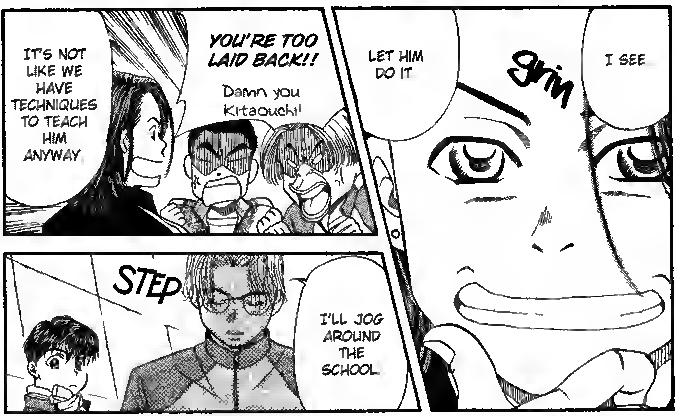

Temporary club member, Miyamoto Hiroyuki, 1st year. Nobuhisa calls him Miyamo-chan. Used to play soft tennis in middle school.
IT'S AN SIMPLE CLUB ALRIGHT


Club member, Takita Ruui. 1st year. Nobody knows this fact yet, but he was a junior tennis player who used to capture people's attention on the tennis court.

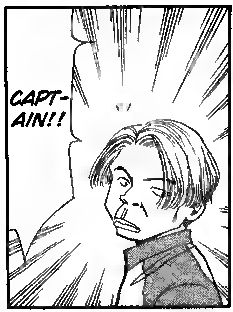
Temporary club member, Ide Nobuhisa. 1st year. No experience in tennis but he was a famous track and field star in middle school.
I WANNA DO MORE RUN-NING

All three new members are very worried.
WHAT? YOU'RE GOING TO COLLEGE?
MY MOM NAGGED ME
TAMIO, IF YOU DON'T WATCH YOURSELF, OTHER FREDDY'S FANS ARE GOING TO KICK YOUR BUTT!
.....
I WANT TO TRAIN ACCORDING TO MY OWN MENU.
COULD YOU LEAVE ME ALONE PLEASE?
SENPAI.
HUH?
I'M SORRY I'LL RETURN TO THE COURT LATER.
AH.


WHAT?!
WHAT THE HECK ?!


YOU'RE TOO LAID BACK!!
Damn you Kitaouchi
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE TECHNIQUES TO TEACH HIM ANYWAY
LET HIM DO IT
GYIM
I SEE

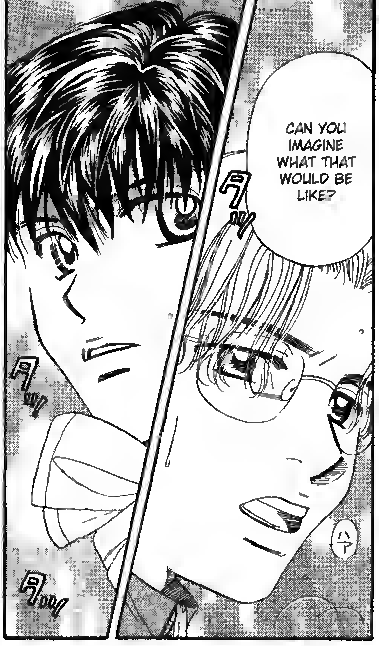
STEP
I'LL JOG AROUND THE SCHOOL


CAPT-AIN!!

WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM? THAT GUY IS COCKY
BUT IT COULD BE FUN

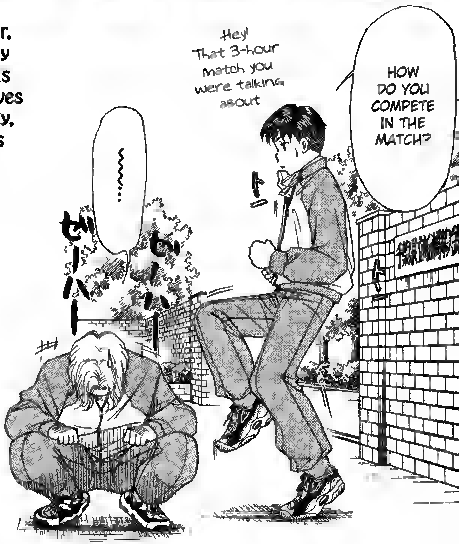
TH-
I STILL HAVE LOTS OF ENERGY LEFT.
CAN I GO RUN TOO?
THIS YEAR'S NEW MEMBERS SURE ARE COCKY.
HUH?
DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH ME.
YOU KNOW,

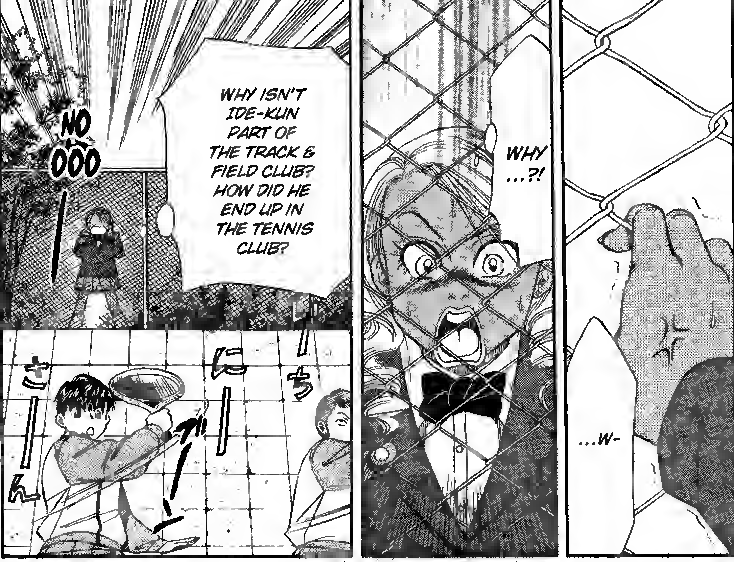
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT A TENNIS PLAYER MUST GO THROUGH PLAYING A FULL-SET MATCH UNDER A BLAZING SUN?
KNOCKING A FEW TENNIS BALLS AROUND?
I HAVE WAY TOO MUCH ENERGY. KNOCKING A FEW TENNIS BALLS AROUND WON'T BE ENOUGH.
WHO'S KEEPING UP WITH YOU!?! DON'T BE SO CREEPY!!
IT'S A GAME OF FOCUS AND STAMINA.
WITH THE TEMPERATURE OVER 30 DEGREES CELSIUS, OR SOMETIMES 40° ON HARD COURTS,
IN MAJOR TOUR-NAMENTS, MEN PLAY A 5-SET MATCH
FULL-SET MATCH ...? what's that?
(T/N 30c = 86F 40c = 104F)
FOR TWO HOURS OR SOMETIMES CLOSE TO FOUR.
AND NOBODY IS THERE TO HELP YOU.
YOU HAVE TO FIGHT THE BATTLE ALL ALONE



As a tennis player, Takita Ruui sorely lacks stamina. His playing style involves conserving energy, not chasing balls he considers a lost cause.

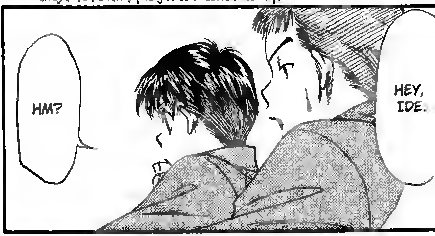
On the other hand, Ide Nobuhisa is a slow starter but he can keep his engine going for an incredibly long time.



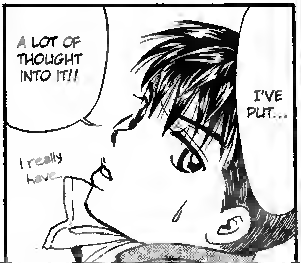


SFX:One two three

Nakayama Kanako, the girl who asked Ide out.



ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT TRACK & FIELD FOR REAL?
IF THE ONLY REASON YOU JOINED THE CLUB WAS SOME GIRL NAMED NAODA, YOU HAVE NO REASON TO STAY NOW.



IN SHORT, YOU CAN'T STICK WITH ANYTHING FOR A LONG TIME, RIGHT?
WHEN I WAS IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE, THEY CALLED ME A BASEBALL PRODIGY
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE I'M A GENIUS AT TENNIS TOO.
YOUR LEFT HAND MOVEMENT ISN'T RIGHT DUDE

HIS SWINGS ARE PERFECT..
HE RETURNED THE BALLS TO THE EXACT SAME SPOT
ONLY SOFT TENNIS IS ALLOWED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT? WHERE DID HE LEARN HOW TO PLAY WITH REGULATION BALLS?
AH
I MESSED UP
!!

WHOA!
SORRY... I HIT IT TOO SERIOUSLY.
It wasn't a rally practice anymore.
AH...
What?
at the women's/men's doubles court

LAST YEAR I LIVED IN THE KANAGAWA PREFECTURE, AND I JOINED A SPORT CLUB IN YOKOHAMA
BUT I QUIT... BECAUSE I HAD TO MOVE TO CHIBA PREFECTURE...
IT'S OK. BUT TAKITA-KUN... WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS LIKE THIS?
DAMN, I'M SURE I'VE HEARD THE NAME TAKITA SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
GAH... WHERE DID I HEAR IT? IT'S REALLY BUGGING ME!
.....
THE BALL...

I WANT TO CHASE IT...
AND HIT IT...
Men's tennis club, Makuno-gama high school.
Takita Ruui.
and Ide Nobuhisa.
These two
Will be the ones who transform this weak club...

IDE.
IDE.
The next day
HEY!
OH, SAITOU-SENPAI IS A YEAR OLDER THAN ME
AND USED TO BE IN THE SAME TRACK & FIELD CLUB IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
WHAT'S WITH THAT EXPLANATORY SENTENCE?
COME HERE WE NEED TO TALK!!
I HAVE A CLUB ACTIVITY AFTER THIS.
JUST COME HERE LIKE A GOOD BOY!!
THIS IS CHOCO-LATE FLAVOR
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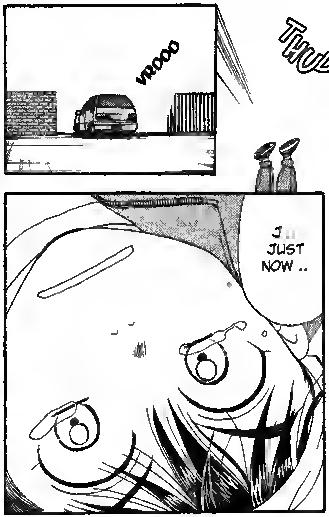
ｽﾞﾙｯ

YOU NEVER CHANGE...
YOU SAID WE NEEDED TO TALK?
ABOUT THE CLUB. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING JOINING THE TENNIS CLUB LIKE THAT?
COME AND JOIN THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB
OUR CLUB'S ADVISOR AND THE CAPTAIN WANT ME TO TALK YOU INTO JOINING THE TEAM.
HMM...
LISTEN! YOU'RE A GENIUS. EVERYONE WANTS TO RUN LIKE YOU DO, GOT THAT?!
HMM
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...
WHEN YOU STAND ON THE TOP,
ALL YOU GET ARE REQUESTS AND EXPECTATIONS...
AND NO COMFORTING WORDS.

Of course!
WHAT? THERE'RE TIMES THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU NEEDS COMFORTING WORDS?
SFX: Pout
Since you're not cute girl, no.
ALL RIGHT. WHEN YOU NEED THAT, JUST LET ME KNOW. I'LL PAMPER AND BABYSIT YOU AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.

NA-
IDE?
NA O DA-SA AAN !!
WA
AA AA IIT !!
SFX-waddle
SFX-Bounce

THE PERSON IN THAT CAR...
WAS NAODA-SAN...
THUMP
THUMP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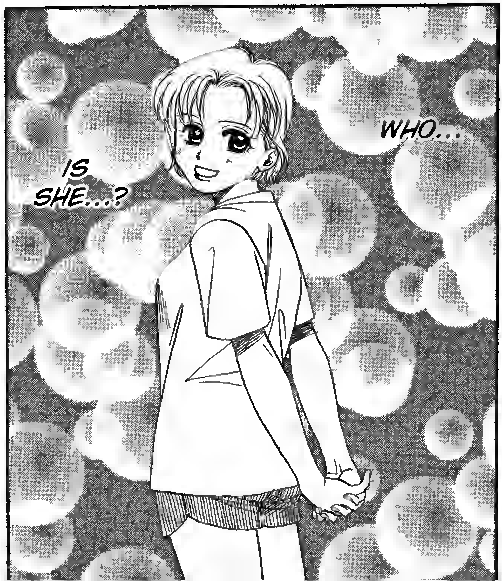
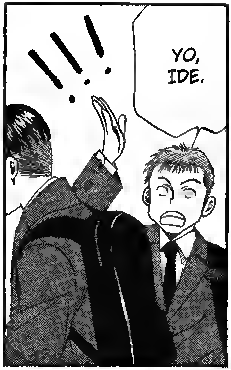
THUD
J... JUST NOW ..


IS SHE...?
WHO...

NAODA-SAN...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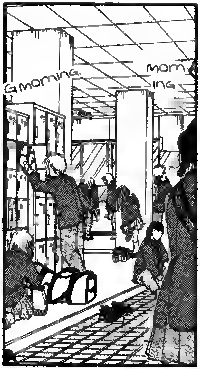
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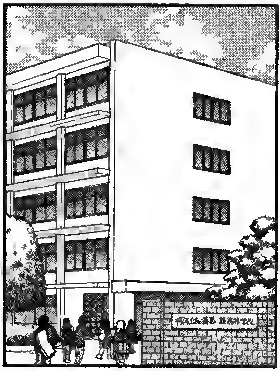


SIGH
A LOT OF THINGS HAPP-ENED. I JUST COULDN'T SLEEP.
WH-WH-WHAT'S WITH THOSE DARK CIRCLES UNDER YOUR EYES?

HM?
LOVEY
DOVEY

MIYAMO-CHAN, BEING IN LOVE IS SO HARD.
YEAH, YOU'VE LOOKED WEIRD SINCE YESTERDAY.
HUH?

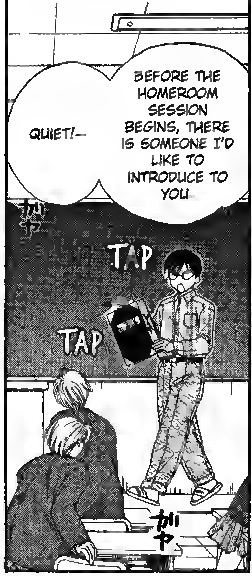
EH?

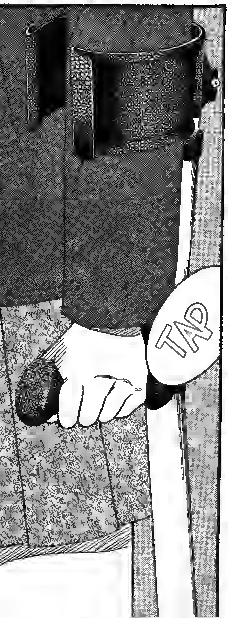
EEK!!
y~~
O~~!

MY, IF IT ISN'T IDE-KUN--
NA-NAKAYAMA KANAKO-SAN...?
HUGGLE HUGGLE
LOVEY DOVEY
THE IDE-KUN THAT DIDN'T JOIN THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB IS, LIKE... COMPLETELY BORING.
SORRY. COULD YOU JUST FORGET WE EVER TALKED?
SFX: POW
HEY!! EVERYONE GET INTO YOUR SEATS, NOW!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? YOU LIKE SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT?
CHATTER
1 A
CHATTER
AH...
SFX: Boring

WELL,
What?!

WE'VE GOT A NEW CLASS MEMBER WHO JOINED US LATE BECAUSE OF PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
SHE'LL BE STUDYING WITH US FROM NOW ON.


QUIET!--
BEFORE THE HOMEROOM SESSION BEGINS, THERE IS SOMEONE I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU.
TAP
TAP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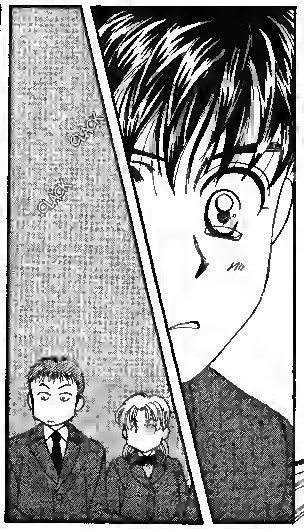
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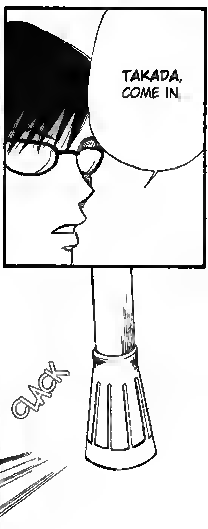
TAKADA, COME IN.
CLACK

*The kanji for Hinako's surname can be read as either Takada or Naoda Ikle has been reading it wrong the whole time
I'M TAKADA* HINAKO!
.....
I'M A BIT LATE BUT
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME FROM NOW ON.
?
!

しゃにむにGO

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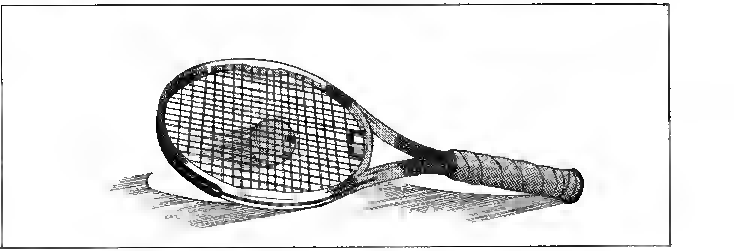
CHAPTER 3 RUUI'S REAL IDENTITY

MY NAME IS TAKADA HINAKO.
I'M A LITTLE LATE.
BUT IT'S NICE TO MEET EVERYONE.
BOP
BOP
EH?
MOR
MOR
MOR
MOR



WHAT ?!
CHAT TER
CHAT TER
CHAT TER
N-NAODA -SAN IS READ AS ...
...TAKADA -SAN?
BADUMP
BADUMP
SHE'S IN THE SAME CLASS ... BUT SHE'S OLDER ...
HOW? HOW CAN THIS BE?!
BADUMP

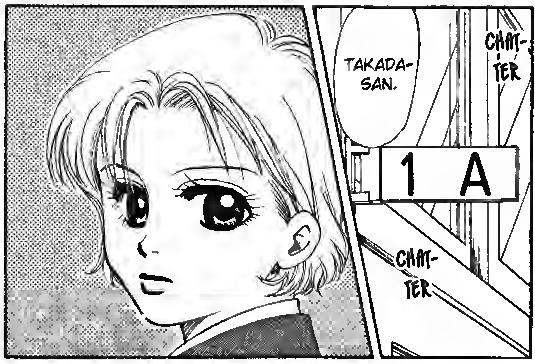
BADUMP
AH...
TAP
SHE INJURED HER LEG?
WHAT DO I DO?!
SHE WAS PROBABLY IN AN ACCIDENT...
I'M ACTUALLY KIND OF HAPPY...
...TO SEE HER AGAIN!

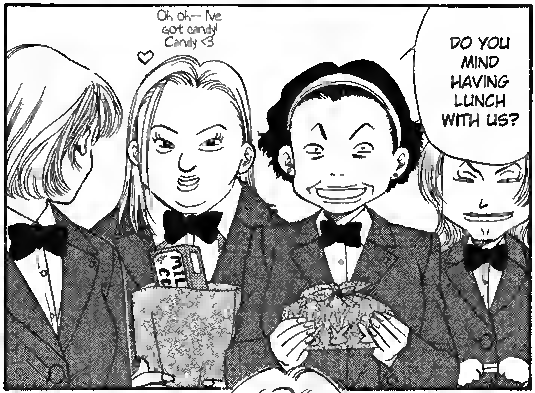
¼ space No 4

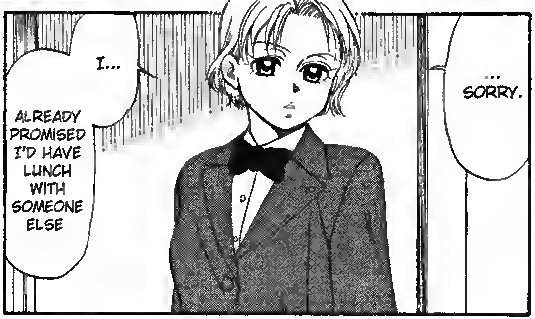
"Nobu's old joke" is one of what I have decided to add. Probably most of them are hard to understand. Just enjoy the feeling. Jokes should be enjoyed by the heart without understanding. However, if you want to get the joke, please ask an older person around you. Here is one of the jokes that you guys asked me most. Nobuhisa called Ruui "Ruirui" in one scene. This comes from Tagawa Yousuke, an old pop singer, singing a song named "Lui lui". When he sang, he flapped his hands as below.

How did Nobu know this?

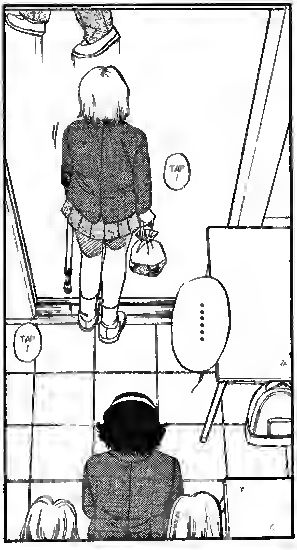
From his father







I ONLY TALKED TO HER BECAUSE I THOUGHT SHE WAS LONELY...
WHAT THE HELL? WHAT'S SHE ACTING ALL ANNOYED FOR? SHE THINKS SHE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A LITTLE CUTER THAN WE ARE!
Don't make such a big deal out of it!
OH?!


TAP TAP
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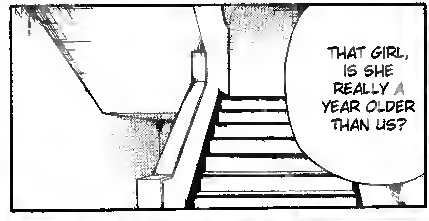
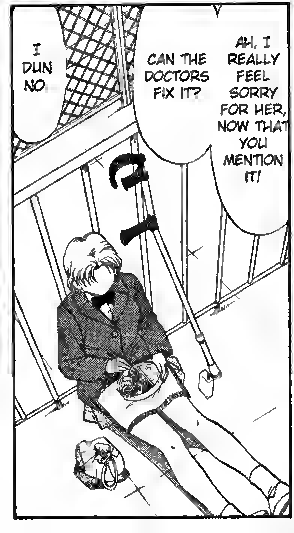
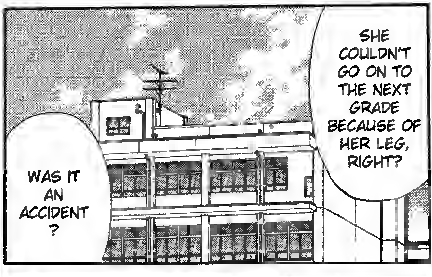
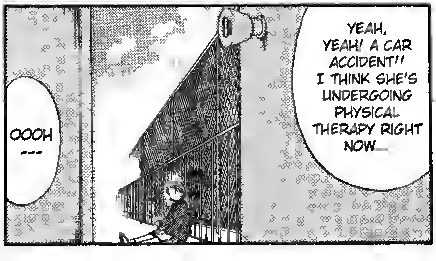

THAT GIRL, IS SHE REALLY A YEAR OLDER THAN US?


I DUN NO
CAN THE DOCTORS FIX IT?
AH, I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR HER, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT!


WAS IT AN ACCIDENT ?
SHE COULDN'T GO ON TO THE NEXT GRADE BECAUSE OF HER LEG, RIGHT?


OOOH ---
YEAH, YEAH! A CAR ACCIDENT!! I THINK SHE'S UNDERGOING PHYSICAL THERAPY RIGHT NOW...

EXCUSE ME
IT'S STILL PRETTY COLD FOR APRIL..
SIGH
NAODA -SAN,
NERVOUS
DO... DO YOU STILL... REMEMBER ME?
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
I'M...
...NOT "NAO" DA! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

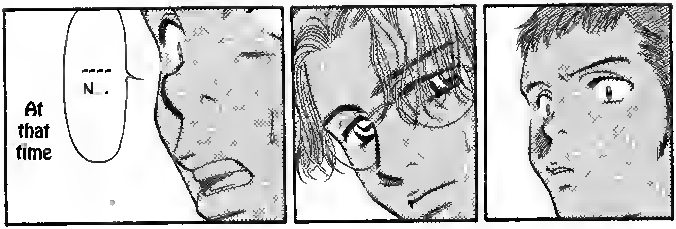
!!
DID SHE FORGET ME AL-READY?!
SLOW
AH!
I CAN'T TEACH YOU HOW TO PLAY TENNIS ANYMORE.

*Shock

KOMA-GAMI JUNIOR HIGH'S...
...IDE NOBUHISA-KUN.
CHAI-IER
EH---?
1 A
CHAI-IER
HEY
WHERE DID IDE GO?
AH! MIYAMOTO-KUN!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IDE-KUN? HE LEFT WITH HIS LUNCH.
HUH?
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
HE TOLD ME TO GO AND BUY SODAS, BUT LEFT ALL BY HIMSELF.
AH, I'M SO PISSED!
I'LL GO HAVE LUNCH WITH MY FRIENDS FROM THE OTHER CLASS THEN!
AH! TAKITA
YO

IDE'S LIKE YOU TOO! NEITHER OF YOU CAN REMEMBER ME!
WE'RE FROM THE SAME CLUB!!
IT'S MIYAMOTO, MIYAMOTO HIROYUKI!!
.....
I THOUGHT I'D SEEN YOUR NAME SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
HMM... THAT'S WEIRD.
I WAS WONDERING... WE'VE NEVER MET EACH OTHER BEFORE ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?
.....
AH... RIGHT, MIYAMOTO.
...YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.. UH.. WHERE DID I..
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
WHERE DID I SEE IT?

THAT GUY IDE, HE CAN RUN SIX LAPS AROUND THE SCHOOL EASILY
AND STILL NOT BE TIRED
THE PERIMETER OF THIS SCHOOL IS ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETERS, RIGHT?
HUH .. ?
HEY!
WHAT KIND OF...
...PERSON IS HE?
CUZ HIS SPEED AND ENDURANCE CAN'T BE MATCHED BY ANYONE ELSE !
IS HE DELIBERATELY PRETENDING TO BE LOUD AND BOISTEROUS TO SHOW OFF?
. TWO LAPS . BUT BEING ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH HIM FOR THREE KILOMETERS IS PRETTY GOOD, DON'T YOU THINK?
AH . NO ONLY FOR TWO LAPS.
..AND YOU KEPT UP WITH HIM ALL THE WAY?
After that we split up and ran separately


At that time

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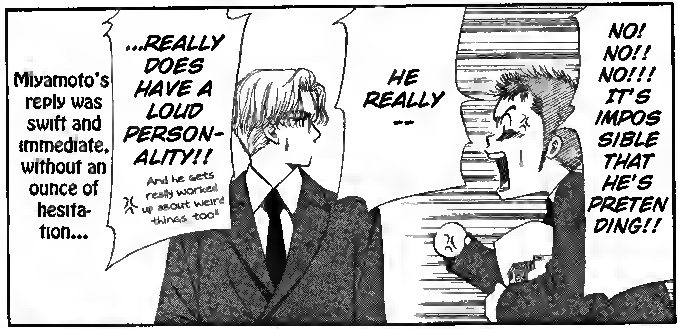
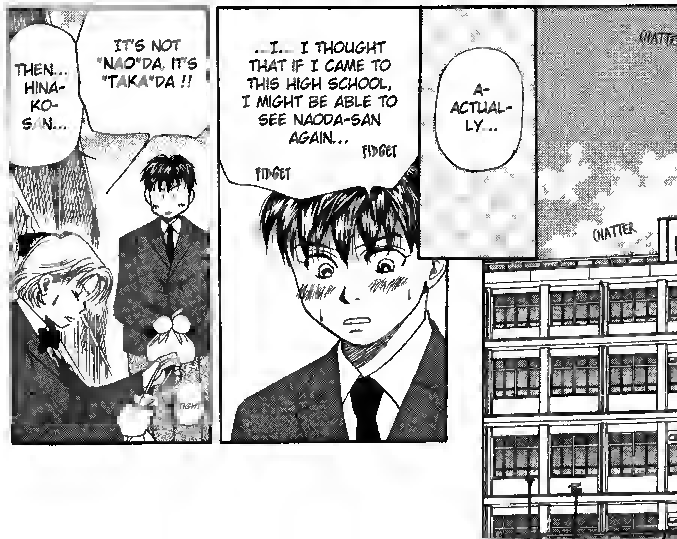

Miyamoto's reply was swift and immediate, without an ounce of hesitation...
...REALLY DOES HAVE A LOUD PERSONALITY!!
And he gets really worked up about weird things, too!
HE REALLY --
NO! NO!! NO!!! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE'S PRETENDING!!


THEN... HINAKO-SAN...
IT'S NOT "NAO"DA. IT'S "TAKA"DA !!
...I... I THOUGHT THAT IF I CAME TO THIS HIGH SCHOOL, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE NAODA-SAN AGAIN...
FIDGET
FIDGET
A-ACTUALLY..
CHATTER
CHATTER

T-THAT IS...
EH?
THIS KID'S TRYING TO GET FAMILIAR WITH ME...
He's such a kid.
WHAT NOW? YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, AND NOW YOU'VE SEEN ME, SO WHAT?
CLENCH
STUPID GRIN
OOF...
AH!
HRN...
~~LIFT~~

WHY... WHY DID YOU--?!
A COMBO ATTACK WITH HER HAND AND HER LUNCH-BOX?
*slap
UUGH!
**whack
I CAN GET UP BY MYSELF !!
JUST MIND YOUR OWN BUSI-NESS!!

FUUOOOO!!
I JUST WANTED... TO EAT LUNCH WITH YOU...
I THOUGHT IF I SAW YOU AGAIN...
...YOU COULD TEACH ME TENNIS...
TAN!
THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE...
FROM NOW ON,
PLEASE STOP BOTH-ERING ME.

SHE...
...HATES ME?!
*Thunderous sound
A TERRIBLE ATMOSPHERE IS APPROACHING
HM?
!!
STARTLE
THAT OUGHT TO BE MY LINE!
SOB MIYAMO-CHAN~ I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU~~ SOB~~

I THINK I DID SOMETHING REALLY TERRIBLE. I CAN'T EVEN FORGIVE MYSELF.
SNIFF
SNIFF
WHAT?
MIYAMO-CHAN--- PUNCH ME IN THE HEAD!
WHAT HAPPENED? DID SOMETHING ELSE COME AROUND AND CRUSH YOUR SPIRIT?
So annoying!
MMMMM, I NEED TO RE-FLECT--
CRACK
CRACK
OH, REALLY.. ARE YOU SURE--
*Bam
THAT REAL LY HURT ---!!!
Don't take advantage of the situation--
WACK!!!
*fight fight
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN CLASSROOM !!
AH.. YOU GUYS ARE BEING TOO LOUD!
I'M NOT UNREAS-ONABLE! I'M JUST VERY HONEST!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO PUNCH YOU! UNREASON-ABLE BRAT--!!

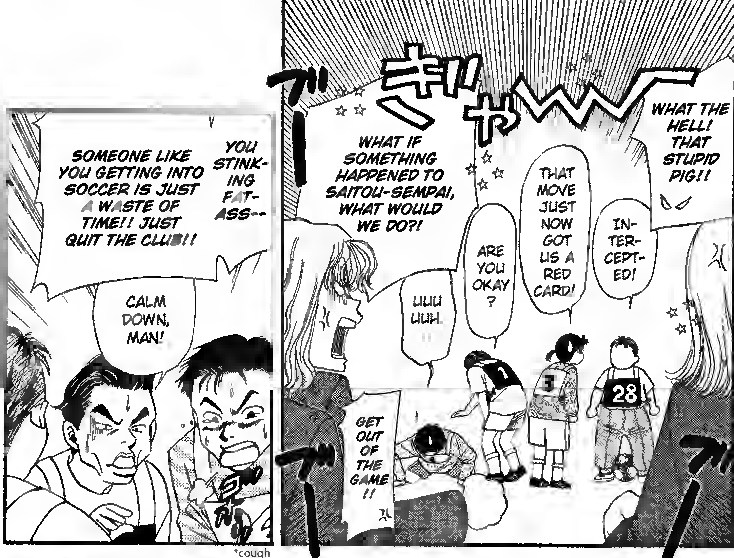
After School
Kamibashi Makuma Highschool
CHAT-TER
CHAT-TER
HINAKO ?
IS THAT YOU?
AAH ---
IT'S REALLY YOU! ARE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL NOW?
IWATA-SAN...
.....
BUT... I'M NOT A MEM-BER OF THE TENNIS CLUB ANY-MORE --
I BET EVERYONE WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY IF YOU CAME BY THE CLUB FOR A VISIT!
GOING HOME ALREA DY?
YEAH... I STARTED CLASSES TODAY...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE STILL A MEMBER!

THEN... I'LL COME FOR A LOOK.
YEAH, YEAH, BECAUSE HINAKO'S REALLY GOOD!
SO YOU CAN GIVE ALL THE NEW MEMBERS SOME POINTERS!
OH, SOME INTERESTING PEOPLE JOINED THE CLUB THIS YEAR IN THE MEN'S SECTION!
THERE'S ONE WHO'S REALLY GOOD,
AND ANOTHER ONE WHO'S REALLY LOUD!
REAL LY
LO UD
Pa ha—

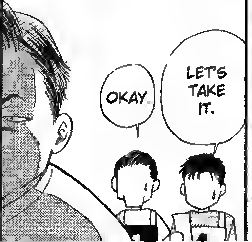
*Kyaaaaaa~<3

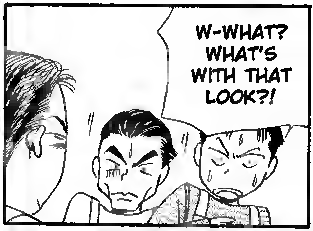
キャ
SAITOU-SEMPAI, YOU'RE SO COOL! ♡
**scuffle
Maybe it's him...

"Kyaaa~<3
Saitou-sempai!
OOH!
I'M A STAR PLAYER AFTER ALL!
キャー
DAMN--EVEN IF IT'S A FRIENDLY MATCH, I STILL CAN'T STAND LOSING!!
STOP HIM!! SOME-ONE INTER-CEPT THE BALL!!
OH?
タッ
!!
キャー

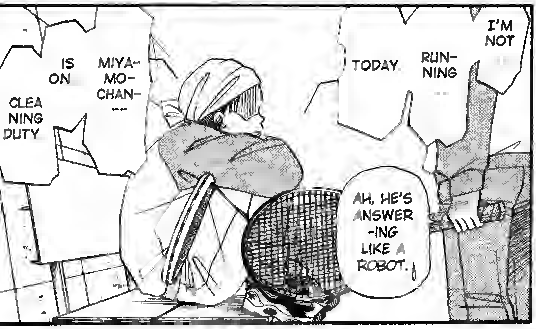

WHAT THE HELL! THAT STUPID PIG!!
IN-TER-CEPT-ED!
THAT MOVE JUST NOW GOT US A RED CARD!
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO SAITOU-SEMPAI, WHAT WOULD WE DO?!
UUU UUH
GET OUT OF THE GAME!!
YOU STINK-ING FAT-ASS--
SOMEONE LIKE YOU GETTING INTO SOCCER IS JUST A WASTE OF TIME!! JUST QUIT THE CLUB!!
CALM DOWN, MAN!
*cough

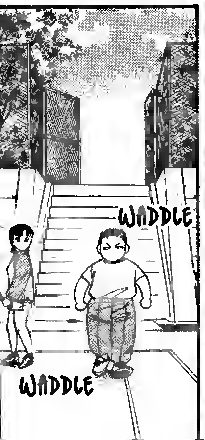
That day, Freshman Class C's Uchimiya Youichirou resigned from the soccer club. (Before that he resigned from the baseball club and the basketball club after one day.)

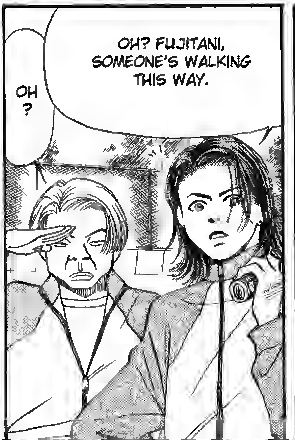




His feet carried him straight toward the tennis club.







!?
*thump
AH!
SLAP
THROW
UH— THIS IS A LETTER TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB!
WHAT IS IT?
Sign Up Letter
UCHIMIYA YOUICHI-ROU
However,
Later, this guy would be known as a member of the best generation of the Makunogama High School Tennis club.
After that, Uchimiya Youichirou became the final member of the tennis club that year.
I'M UCHI-MIYA YOU-ICHI-ROU,
CLASS 1-C, JOINING THE TENNIS CLUB.
He is a man of few words.
For a historical member, he only left his name, and didn't really do anything else...
MOCHI**
...
.....

**T/N mochi means rice cake. Because he appears white and chubby. Ide got an image of Mochi from looking at him.

**stop
HUH?!
Mochimiya ?!
OKAY, "MOCHIMIYA"! GO OUTSIDE AND DO TWO LAPS!!
Two laps!
And in this instant, he was forever named "Mochimiya".
*waddle waddle
***Murmur
TAKADA-SAN?!
WOW~ IT'S HINAKO ---

*chatter chatter
YOU CAME BACK TO SCHOOL!
TAKADA-SAN, WE MISSED YOU!!
AH, IT'S TAKA-DA-SAN!
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BACK-
EH?! HOW DO YOU KNOW HER?!
CRACK
BDOKP
IT REALLY IS HINAKO-SAN...
BDOKP
BE-CAUSE,
WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS FIRST YEAR!
**strangles
UCHI-SEMPAI!! YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW A NAODA -SAN-!!
WHAT?! BUT SHE'S NOT CALLED NAODA, SHE'S TAKADA!!
You're terrible.
HINAKO, LOOK, THAT'S THE LOUD FIRST YEAR
The one strangling the other guy's neck.
AH...
EVEN THOUGH I ALREADY SUS-PECTED AS MUCH..
But...

Does he really...
...Want to play tennis?
UUUGH--- CRAP, CRAP!
I'M LATE---
*thump thump
**open
AAA AAA AAA AAA AHH H!
OO OH---
FREDDY LOOKS GOOD! ♡
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!! IS THERE SOMETHING SHOCKING ABOUT THE MALE PHYSIQUE?!
What a rude guy!
IT'S JUST KIND OF SCARY!
***Shudder

I USED TO BUY THESE TOO.
Even though I've stopped
AH-- IT WAS LEFT HERE BY SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY GRADUATED.
A TENNIS MAGAZINE FROM LAST YEAR.
WHAT?
HEY!
BUT AREN'T YOU JUST CHANGING NOW AS WELL?
BASICALLY, IT SHOWS THAT YOU'RE NOT COMPLETELY COMMITTED IF YOU'RE LATE TO PRACTICE!!
DON
I... I...
HUH?
IT'S PRETTY NOSTALGIC! I SHOULD START BUYING THEM AGAIN!
But it's pretty expensive.
TAKITA RUUI!
I HAVE SEEN HIM BEFORE. I'VE SEEN HIM HERE!
HE'S A REALLY STRONG TENNIS PLAYER...
EH?!
UNDER 16
Takita Ruui (15)
Saseko Shun (15)
UNDER 16

!!
PANT
PANT
STEP
TAKI-
T...
...But they're already weird group of people to start with.
SOME-THING... IS OFF.
WIPE
WIPE
MOR MOR
MOR MOR
YOU... YOU'RE BACK!
AH!
*tndaa
BOYS UNDER 18
UNDER 18

WHY DID YOU KEEP IT A SECRET?
Tenni
Magazi
...SEEM TO HAVE PLAYED PROFES-SIONAL TENNIS. AND YOU'RE PRETTY FAMOUS IN THE YOUTH LEAGUES--
YOU ...
UNDER 18
I DIDN'T KEEP IT A SECRET !
IT'S JUST THAT NO ONE ASKED ME.
NN...
BUT... IT'S TRUE ENOUGH.
HOW ARRO GANT !!
PLAY TWO GAMES WITH ME!!
LET'S START BY PLAY-ING TWO GAMES !!
FINE !!

I WANT TO CONFIRM YOUR SKILLS!!
SIGH
FINE!
CLATTER
BUT, WHEN YOU'RE TESTING MY SKILLS,
I'LL KNOW EXACTLY HOW FAR ALONG YOU ARE AS WELL.
NNN ...

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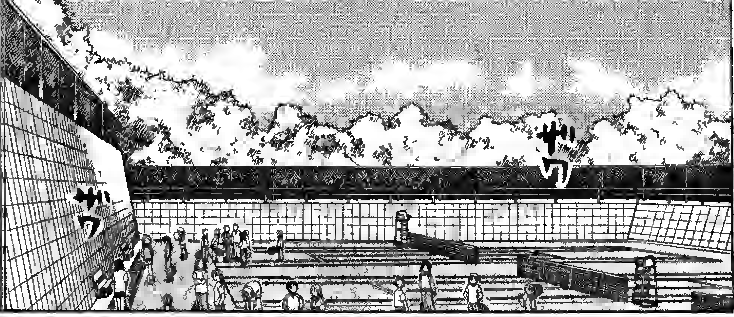
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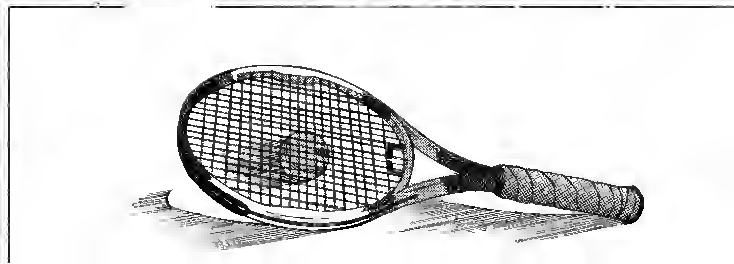
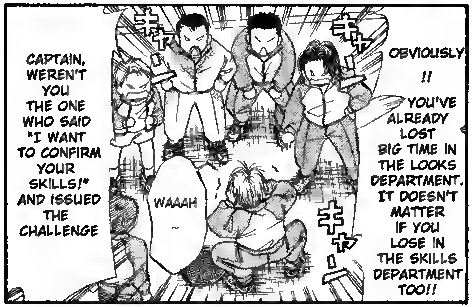
UNDER 18
ソギバ新理(17)
BOYS UNDER 16
佐世古駿(15)
滝田留宇衣(15)
became the focus of public attention
HIS TARGET IS THE WORLD...
THE MOST PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS...
NOW
SPORT LI
Tennis

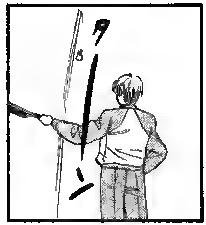


TAKITA .. RUUI .. RUIRUI ...
HMM...
HE'S GOOD AT SLICE SHOTS, SERVES AND VOLLEYS.
ENOUGH WITH THE RUIRUI!!!
SLICE SHOT ...
SERVES AND VOLLEYS ...!!
WHAT ARE THOSE?!
BITE
AH...
OH?
LOOKS LIKE..
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PLAY TWO SETS TO TEST HIM OUT, EH?

!!
SHOCKED


CAPTAIN, WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID "I WANT TO CONFIRM YOUR SKILLS!" AND ISSUED THE CHALLENGE
WAAAH ~
OBVIOUSLY !! YOU'VE ALREADY LOST BIG TIME IN THE LOOKS DEPARTMENT. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU LOSE IN THE SKILLS DEPARTMENT TOO!!

I'VE ALREADY
LOST MY TECHNIQUE FROM LAST YEAR, WHEN I USED TO BE A YOUNG CONTENDER IN THE GAMES
.....
THEY'RE REALLY.. A GROUP OF STRANGE PEOPLE



I HAVEN'T TOUCHED A RACKET IN SO LONG AND NOW ALL I HAVE LEFT IS MY PRIDE FROM THAT TIME
BUT . . .
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP!!
I'LL CLAW MY WAY BACK TO THE TOP,
YOU'LL SEE!!
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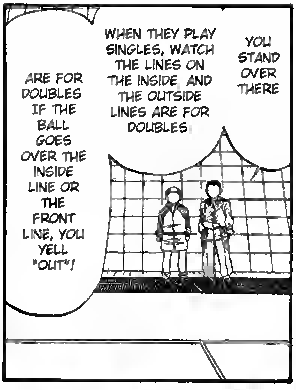
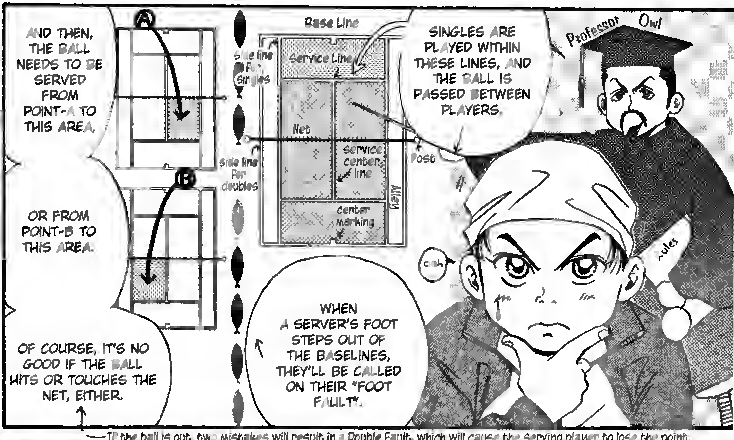
. . . . .
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE BOYS SEEM TO BE DOING SOME-THING.
HEY~ IDE.


ARE FOR DOUBLES IF THE BALL GOES OVER THE INSIDE LINE OR THE FRONT LINE, YOU YELL "OUT"!
WHEN THEY PLAY SINGLES, WATCH THE LINES ON THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE LINES ARE FOR DOUBLES.
YOU STAND OVER THERE

HUH?
YOU CAN BE THE LINEMAN! I'LL TEACH YOU SOME SIMPLE RULES OF THE GAME
LINE JUDGE!
RULES OF THE GAME
why are you still looking like that?


AND THEN, THE BALL NEEDS TO BE SERVED FROM POINT-A TO THIS AREA.
OR FROM POINT-B TO THIS AREA.
A
B
Base Line
Service Line
Net
service center line
center marking
side line for singles
side line for doubles
Post
Net
SINGLES ARE PLAYED WITHIN THESE LINES, AND THE BALL IS PASSED BETWEEN PLAYERS.
Professor Owl
Ooh
Jules
WHEN A SERVER'S FOOT STEPS OUT OF THE BASELINES, THEY'LL BE CALLED ON THEIR "FOOT FAULT".
OF COURSE, IT'S NO GOOD IF THE BALL HITS OR TOUCHES THE NET, EITHER.

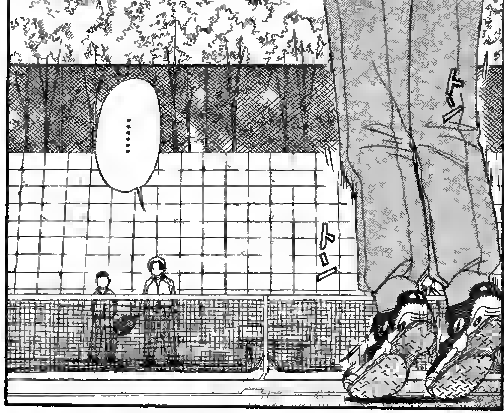
If the ball is out, or if mistakes will result in a Double Fault, which will cause the serving player to lose the point.

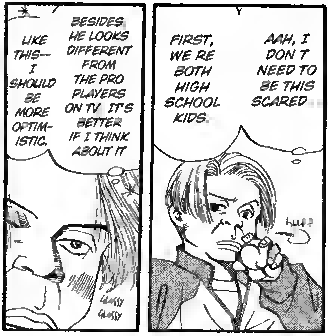
¼ space No. 5

Before I started my 4th story... I learned how to play tennis from Taguchi-san, a professional tennis coach. It was super difficult to play tennis. I had no idea how difficult it was to return the ball to the other side of the court. Trying to play volley, my wrist was completely unstable. Returning to the service, I was not able to run fast enough to catch one. Slice or spinning the balls was even harder. How huge the tennis court was! It was impressive to see the professional tennis player playing tennis perfectly.

The next day, I had massive muscle aches all over my body. Even my hand holding the pen was shaking from the practice. I was glad that I did not have any deadlines. Really.

I am currently learning little by little about the tennis with Nobuchi.




LIKE THIS— I SHOULD BE MORE OPTIM-ISTIC.
BESIDES, HE LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM THE PRO PLAYERS ON TV. IT'S BETTER IF I THINK ABOUT IT
FIRST, WE'RE BOTH HIGH SCHOOL KIDS.
AAH, I DON'T NEED TO BE THIS SCARED
GUSSY GUSSY
HUH?
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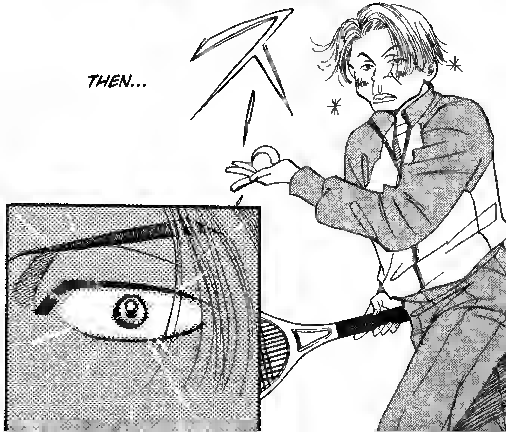

SHIVER
SHIVER
THAT ...
THE LOOK OF SOMEONE IN THE ZONE!!
THAT IS.

HYAH!
UGH!

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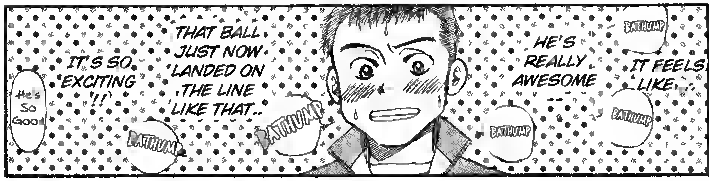
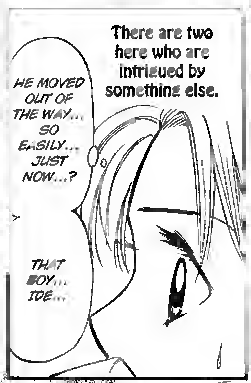
DID YOU SEE THAT RETURN ?!
THE BOYS OVER THERE... THE CAPTAIN IS COMPETING WITH THAT FRESHMAN?
W-WHAT ?
WAS THAT IN?
WAS —
AH
SAFE ! SAFE !
THAT WAS IN BOUNDS
WOW
HE SCORED A POINT DIRECTLY AFTER THE SERVE
0-15
YOU!! THAT'S BASEBALL TERMINOLOGY!
IF THE BALL'S WITHIN BOUNDS, THERE'S NO NEED TO SAY ANYTHING!!
.....
Ehe he.


He's so good!
IT'S SO EXCITING!!
THAT BALL JUST NOW LANDED ON THE LINE LIKE THAT..
HE'S REALLY AWESOME...
IT FEELS LIKE...
PATTOKU
PATTOKU
PATTOKU
PATTOKU
PATTOKU


There are two here who are intrigued by something else.
HE MOVED OUT OF THE WAY... SO EASILY... JUST NOW...?
THAT BOY... IDE...

At this time.
Everyone's complimenting Ruui for his ace return.
But...
.....

HOW?
HE KEPT HIS EYE ON THE BALL UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT.
HE AVOIDED IT AT THE LAST POSSIBLE SECOND?
.....
HOO-HOO HA-HA!
YOKEY?

THAT GUY...
HIS DYNAMIC VISUAL ACUITY* IS EXCELLENT...
"Dynamic visual acuity" defines the ability of the eye to visually discern fine detail in a moving object.
The naturally talented players and the players who've trained hard have this skill under their belt...
Apparently they can read the letters printed on the window of passing bullet trains.
HIS SILLY BEHAVIOR IS ALL AN ACT AFTER ALL?
Hinako-san!
NO I THINK THAT'S JUST HIS NATURE
IGNORED
REJECTION
I DON'T WANT TO RECEIVE A HIT LIKE THAT!!
UGH...
THIS...
YEAH

IT'S GOING OVER THERE!!
THAT'S NOT WHY...
I JOINED THE TENNIS CLUB!!
AAH...

SO GOOD!
SO GOOD!
WAIT A SECOND--- WHAT WAS THAT?! THAT BALL JUST NOW--
EVEN THOUGH THE CAPTAIN DIDN'T GET IT) IT WAS SUCH AN EASY SHOT...
BUT, HITTING IT LIKE THAT, ISN'T HE MISSING SOME POWER?!
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO GIVE IT HIS ALL!
HE OBVIOUS-LY WENT EASY ON HIM.
CHMI?!
HE'S REALY THAT GOOD ---
EH?
AND NOW IT'S TAKITA'S SERVE.
THE CAPTAIN LOST WITHOUT SCORING A SINGLE SHOT...
IT'S GOING TO BE AN AWESOME SERVE, FOR SURE!
GUL?

HERE IT COMES!
WHAT?!
SLICE SERVE !!

Ah! HYA AAA ii!!
this postures a mess...
NO, DAMN!
IT CAN'T BE LIKE THIS!!
EVERY-THING IS SUDDENLY FROZE!
WH T AM I...
...DOING HERE?
RUUI
WHAT'S GOING ON...

ダッ
TAKITA RUU!
YOU BAST-ARD--!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO MESS AROUND, AT LEAST DO IT WITHIN REASON!!
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE UN-SPORTS-MANLIKE RIGHT NOW?!
MANTIS STYLE?
Whose eyes are these?

HEH ...
EVEN IF YOU CONTINUED, YOU WOULDN'T GET ANYWHERE.
YOUR PERFORMANCE IS THE WORST HERE.
RUU!
YOU ACTUALLY BUMBLED AROUND AND TRIED TO GIVE HIM SOME SLACK!!
I REALLY HATE THAT KIND OF PERSON, YOU KNOW!!
.....
DUDUDU
SEXJUMP
THUD
THEN ...
YOU...

What's going on?
WHAT?
COULD YOU COMPETE SERIOUSLY WITH A CHILD?
ISN'T THERE TOO BIG OF A GAP BETWEEN OUR SKILL LEVELS?
I USED TO DO TRACK AND FIELD...
IN ORDER TO HELP MY TEAMMATES IMPROVE, I RAN WITH THEM DURING PRACTICE.
BECAUSE I HAVE THIS NEED TO ALWAYS RUN IN FRONT OF THE PACK...
I RAN AS HARD AS I COULD!! EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE THINK I HATE TO LOSE...
CLENCH
I—
I—

I'LL SERVE THE BALLS INSIDE THIS ASKET.
I DARE YOU TO SCORE A POINT AGAINST ME!
JUST ONE POINT IS ENOUGH!
YOU CAN DO THIS, RIGHT?
THE "ONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE"
HMPH!
EVERYBODY LIKES MAEDA'S CRACKER*.
HUH?
OLD MAN JOKES AGAIN.
T/N "Atarimaeda no cracker" is the slogan of the Maeda snack company made famous by its TV ads in the 60s. This is a word play with "Atarimae" meaning "of course" and the company name (

HEY, NOW IT'S THE OTHER FRESHMAN IN THE COURT.
WHAT? ARE THEY COMPET-ING?
EH? ARE YOU SURE?
I THOUGHT THAT WHEN I SAW YOU AGAIN,
I COULD ASK YOU TO TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY TENNIS.
WAIT ...
HE DOESN'T KNOW TENNIS...
WHAT'S HE PLANNING TO DO?

THERE'S ALREADY NOTHING I CAN DO
EVEN IF I CAN WAVE THE RACKET AROUND, MY FEET CAN NO LONGER SUPPORT ME... I REALLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING ANYMORE
ALRIGHT! C'MON!
I CAN NO LONGER RUN!
THE GAME IS HARD.
WHETHER I SHOULD PLAY SERIOUSLY OR
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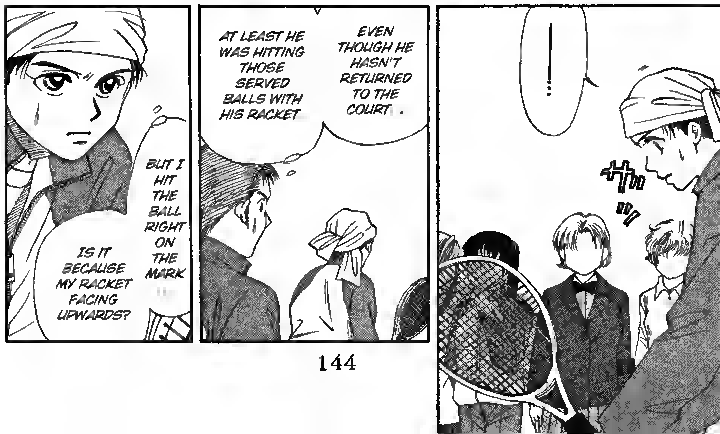
IDE,
DO YOU WANT TO BE MY RIVAL? OR SHOULD I BECOME YOURS?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
IDE--TEACH HIM A LESSON FOR ME!

RIGHT SIDE!!
WHOA !!

HEY! IDE!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?!
THAT'S WEIRD...
.....
AH!
EH?
THE WAY HE'S GETTING READY IN FRONT OF THE BASE LINE...
AND THE STRANGE WAY HE'S HOLDING THE RACKET MAKES ME UNCOMFORTABLE.
It's a kendo pose...
THAT GUY...
HE CAUGHT UP WITH IT...?
WAS IT LUCK?
TAKITA
THIS TIME ...!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? DID I SWING THE RACKET TOO LATE?

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
HOME RUN !!
HOME RUN !!
BIG HOME RUN !!
NET!
HINAKO-SAN


IS IT BECAUSE MY RACKET FACING UPWARDS?
BUT I HIT THE BALL RIGHT ON THE MARK
AT LEAST HE WAS HITTING THOSE SERVED BALLS WITH HIS RACKET
EVEN THOUGH HE HASN'T RETURNED TO THE COURT.
!

HOW TO PLAY TENNIS!

IT'S THERE
SO CLEARLY ...
THAT BALL...
I CAN SEE IT!!
WHY CAN'T I GET IT OVER THERE PROPERLY?
DAMMIT!!
EXCUSE ME,
EHP
I WANT TO GIVE HIM SOME ADVICE
IS THAT OKAY?
HINA KO-SAN?

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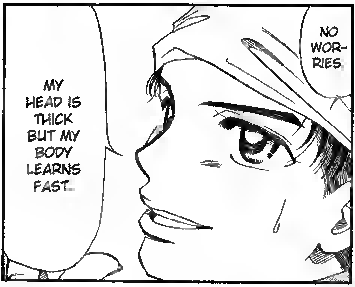
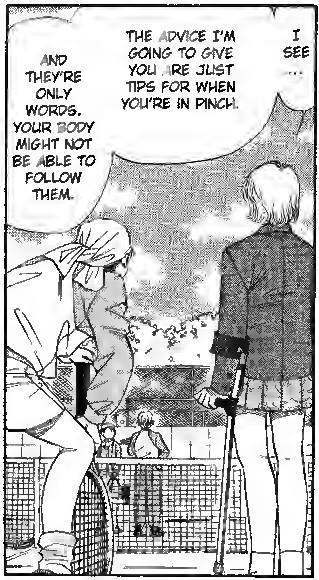
Chapter 005 - Each person's goal
SHANIMUNI GO

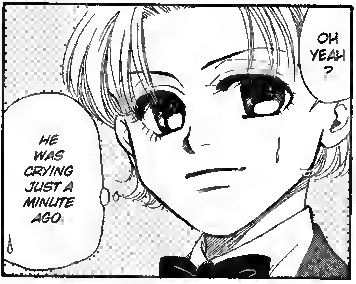
HI...
HINA-KO-SHAN
....
SNIFFLE
TAP
TAP
LOOK AT YOURSELF, BOYS DON'T CRY!!
!
I-IDE ARE YOU A CHILD?
SNIFFLE
WIPE
WIPE
O-OKAY

....NO... I'VE GOT TO GET ONE POINT FROM THAT BUM, TAKITA.

NOW...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
JUST RETURN THE SERVE TO HIS COURT?

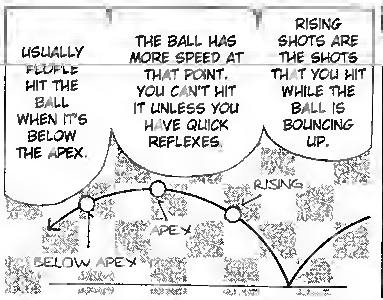

NO WORRIES.
MY HEAD IS THICK BUT MY BODY LEARNS FAST.

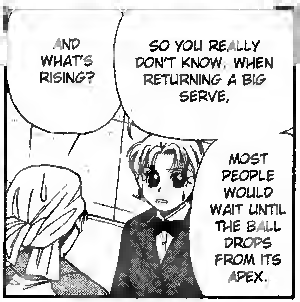

I SEE...
THE ADVICE I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ARE JUST TIPS FOR WHEN YOU'RE IN PINCH.
AND THEY'RE ONLY WORDS. YOUR BODY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THEM.

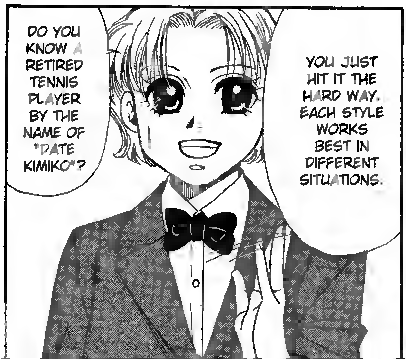

OH YEAH?
HE WAS CRYING JUST A MINUTE AGO.

YEAH
YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM
HE CAN'T EVEN RETURN A SERVE
Oh, he's getting advice.
HM?
THAT IDE GUY...
HE HAS NO TENNIS EXPERIENCE, RIGHT?
OHKOUCHI-SENPAI.
TO HIT SUCH POWERFUL TWO-HANDED AND RISING SHOTS
THAT REQUIRE QUICK FOOTWORK AND THE APPROPRIATE SWING OF THE RACKET?
AH.
SCARY?
ISN'T IT.
EH?

EH?
WHAT'S THAT?
RISING ?!
DID HE DO ALL THAT BY INSTINCT?

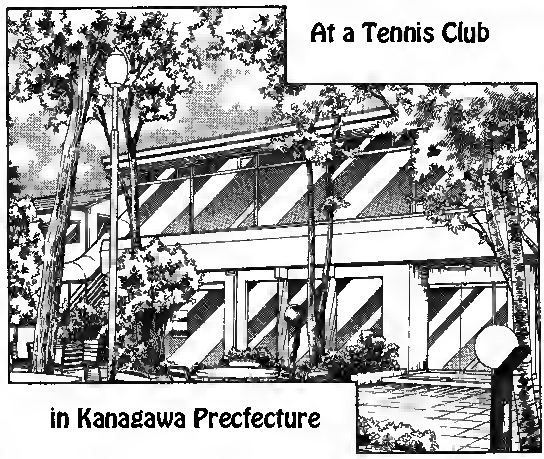

USUALLY PEOPLE HIT THE BALL WHEN IT'S BELOW THE APEX.
THE BALL HAS MORE SPEED AT THAT POINT. YOU CAN'T HIT IT UNLESS YOU HAVE QUICK REFLEXES.
RISING SHOTS ARE THE SHOTS THAT YOU HIT WHILE THE BALL IS BOUNCING UP.
RISING
APEX
BELOW APEX


AND WHAT'S RISING?
SO YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW. WHEN RETURNING A BIG SERVE,
MOST PEOPLE WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE BALL DROPS FROM ITS APEX.


DO YOU KNOW A RETIRED TENNIS PLAYER BY THE NAME OF "DATE KIMIKO"?
YOU JUST HIT IT THE HARD WAY. EACH STYLE WORKS BEST IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.

NO. NO.
SO I HIT IT THE WRONG WAY ALL ALONG?
SHOCKED

I'VE HEARD THE NAME BUT NEVER WATCHED HER PLAY.
PEOPLE SAY SHE CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF HER CAREER USING RISING SHOTS.
FOREIGN NEWS EVEN CALLED HER SHOTS...
"RISING SUN."


At a Tennis Club
in Kanagawa Prefecture

Meanwhile,

¼ space – No.6

I love drawing knees and calves to the point that I call myself "a knee fetishist".

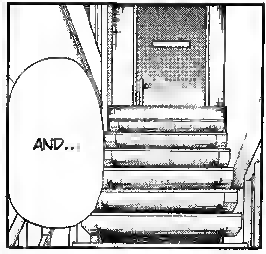
This is me at work.

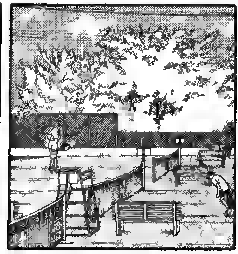
That's how perverse I am.

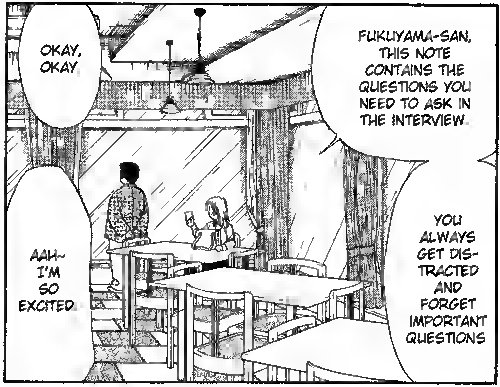
I have a thing for the swelling curve of forearms too

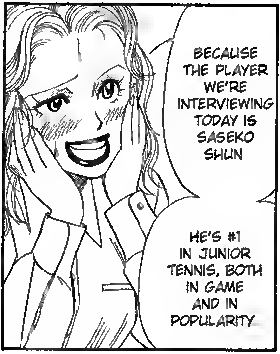
I love all knees, the girl's soft ones, the boy's manly ones When I have to draw a jersey that doesn't show legs, it bores me to tears

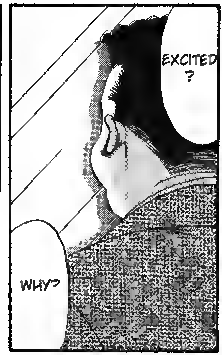
Please let me draw knees!



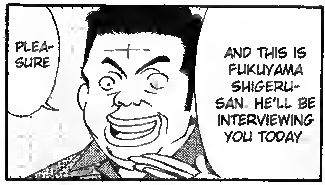



OKAY, OKAY
FUKUYAMA-SAN, THIS NOTE CONTAINS THE QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK IN THE INTERVIEW
AAH~ I'M SO EXCITED
YOU ALWAYS GET DISTRACTED AND FORGET IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

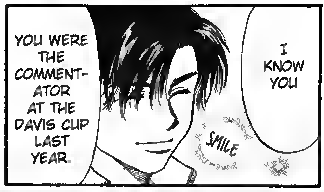




BUT SASEKO IS ONLY 16. YOU HAVE A THING FOR YOUNGER BOYS?
YOU BET.
EH?
Y-YOU CAN TELL?!
* actually he's still 15
EH?!
I JUST LIKE TO LOOK AT HIM, THAT'S ALL!
I like older players too!
HELLO
STEP
OH, THERE HE IS.
IS THAT WHY YOU WEAR SUCH HEAVY MAKE-UP?
Fukuyama Shigeru, a tennis commentator and tennis magazine's columnist
Saseko Shun Ranked #1 in the under 16 Junior's league
SORRY I WAS LATE.
Coach


PLEASURE
AND THIS IS FUKUYAMA SHIGERU-SAN. HE'LL BE INTERVIEWING YOU TODAY

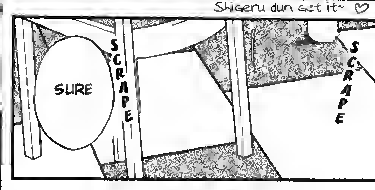
AH, I'M FUJITA HIROKO, FROM THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF JM MAGAZINE
WE APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING YOU AWAY FROM YOUR PRACTICE, TOO
NOT AT ALL!!
I'M SASEKO NICE TO MEET YOU
BOW
Business card
Business card


YOU WERE THE COMMENTATOR AT THE DAVIS CUP LAST YEAR.
I KNOW YOU
SMILE

PLEASE START WHEN YOU'RE READY.
YONEX

YES, THE LEVEL OF ABSURDITY
IS TRULY UNMATCHED.
PEOPLE LIKE MY COMMENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE EASY TO FOLLOW.
I COMMENT ON LOCAL MATCHES, TOO, INCLUDING THE ONES YOU WERE IN.

OH, WHY DON'T WE START NOW?
ABSURDITY?
Shigeru don't get it~ ♡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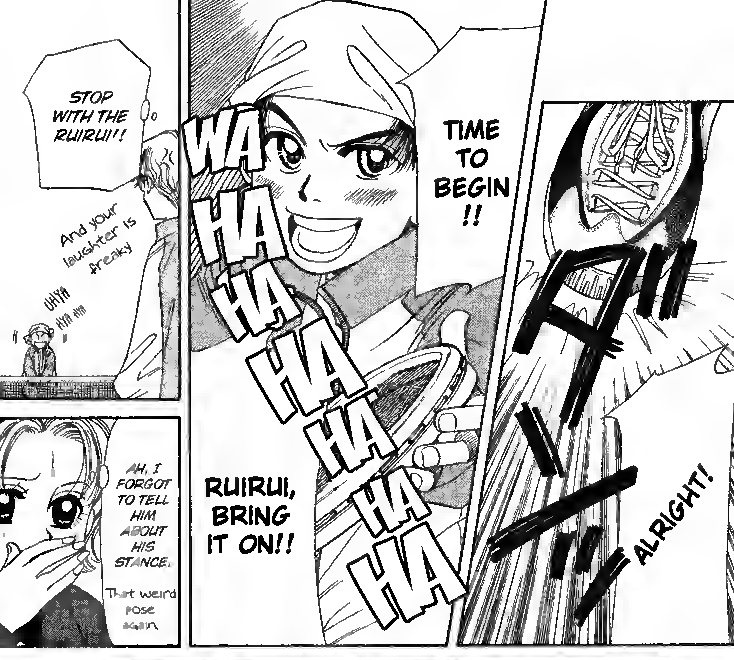
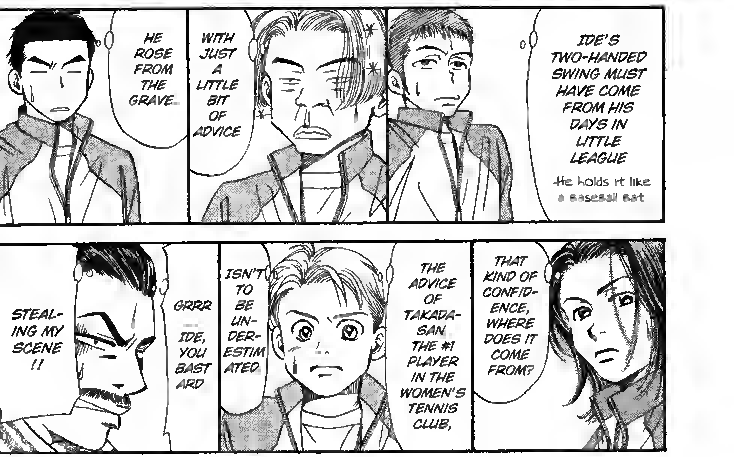
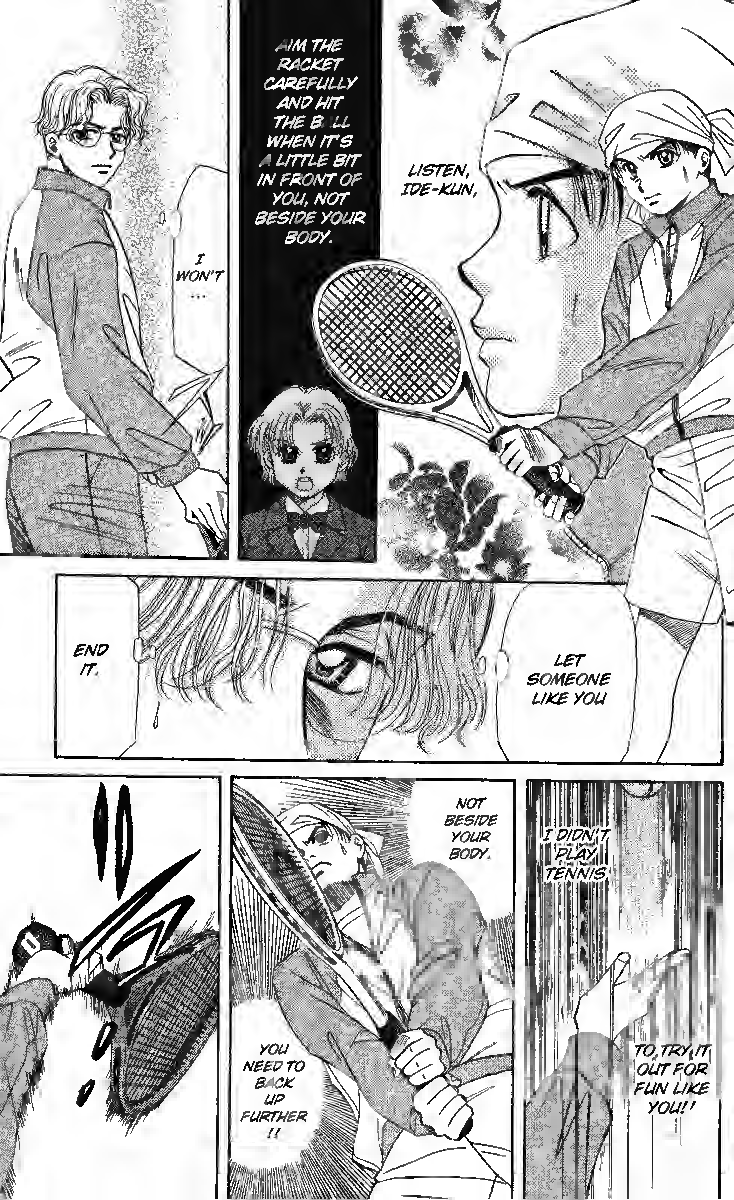
SCRAPE
SCRAPE


STOP WITH THE RUIRUI!!
And your laughter is freaky
UHYA KYA KYA
AH, I FORGOT TO TELL HIM ABOUT HIS STANCE.
That weird pose again.
WA HA HA HA HA HA HA
RUIRUI, BRING IT ON!!
TIME TO BEGIN !!
ALRIGHT!


HE ROSE FROM THE GRAVE...
WITH JUST A LITTLE BIT OF ADVICE
IDE'S TWO-HANDED SWING MUST HAVE COME FROM HIS DAYS IN LITTLE LEAGUE
He holds it like a baseball bat
STEALING MY SCENE !!
GRRR... IDE, YOU BASTARD
ISN'T TO BE UNDERESTIMATED.
THE ADVICE OF TAKADA-SAN THE #1 PLAYER IN THE WOMEN'S TENNIS CLUB,
THAT KIND OF CONFIDENCE, WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

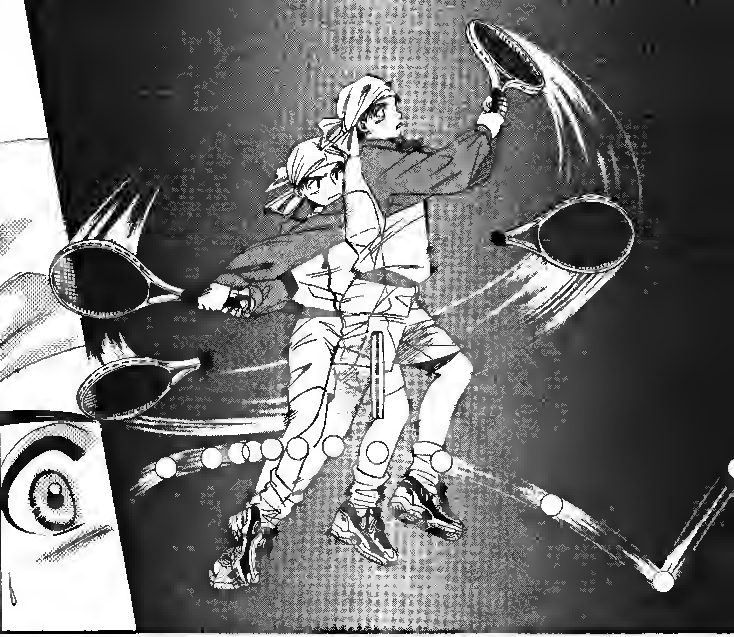

I WON'T ...
AIM THE RACKET CAREFULLY AND HIT THE BALL WHEN IT'S A LITTLE BIT IN FRONT OF YOU, NOT BESIDE YOUR BODY.
LISTEN, IDE-KUN,
END IT.
LET SOMEONE LIKE YOU
NOT BESIDE YOUR BODY.
YOU NEED TO BACK UP FURTHER !!
I DIDN'T PLAY TENNIS
TO, TRY IT OUT FOR FUN LIKE YOU!!

FROM BEHIND!!
ONE...
DRAW THE RACKET BACK AND SWING IT A LITTLE!!
SMACK
TWO...
BLOCK THE BALL!!

IT WENT BACK !!
SNA
CK
EH?!
SAK
EH?!
IDE-KUN, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO GET A POINT?!!
IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE HAPPY ABOUT RETURNING A SERVE!!
AH
YOU'RE RIGHT
IS HE A GENIUS OR AN IDIOT?

AH?
GOOD! HE KNOWS HOW TO RETURN THE SERVE NOW!!
!!
THOSE FAST REFLEXES!!
IDE, YOU BASTARD.

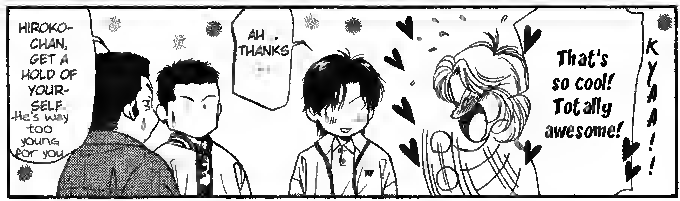
THIS GUY ...
PIECE ...
YOU CAN'T HIT IT THE SAME WAY!!
... OF CAKE !

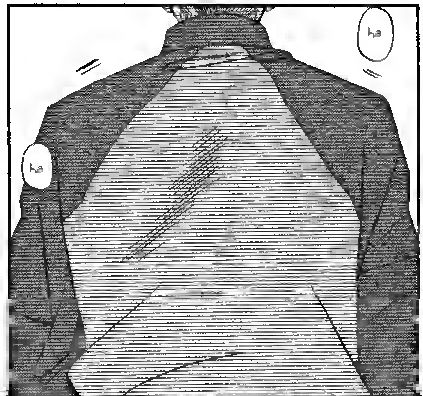


(T/N: hitting a tennis ball with underspin)

YES.
I SHOW UP A COUPLE TIMES EACH WEEK. THE SCHOOL IS A POWER-HOUSE IN TENNIS AS WELL.
I SEE.
SASEKO-KUN, DID YOU JOIN YOUR SCHOOL'S TENNIS CLUB, TOO?
IS BECAUSE THEY USUALLY WAIT TOO LONG BEFORE THEY JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT. WE ALSO LACK A GOOD COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT TO NURTURE THEM IN.
THE REASON MALE JAPANESE TENNIS PLAYERS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RISE TO THE WORLD'S TOP LEVEL
FUKU-YAMA-SAN,
MY GOAL IS TO BE A PRO AT THE INTERNAT-IONAL LEVEL.
HINDERS YOU FROM PROGRESSING TO WORLD CLASS TOURNAMENTS?
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT JOINING THE SCHOOL'S CLUB
THE SCHOOL'S TOURNA-MENTS MUST COME BEFORE THE CLUB'S, RIGHT?
HM?
AND THAT IS...?
I JOINED THE SCHOOL'S CLUB BECAUSE THERE'S A TITLE THERE THAT WOULD LEAD ME TO THE MAIN CIRCUIT.

TO WIN THE INTER-HIGH CHAMP-IONSHIP
THREE YEARS IN A ROW.


KYAA!!
That's so cool! Totally awesome!
AH. THANKS
HIROKO-CHAN, GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF. He's way too young for you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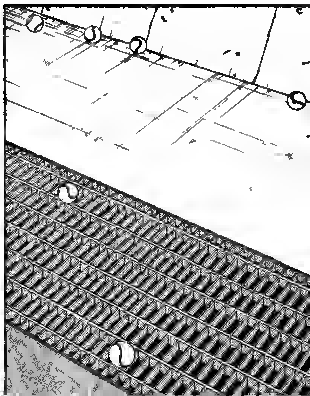
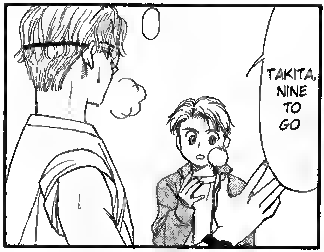


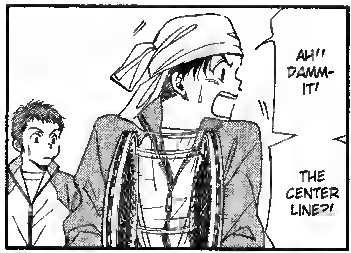
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
NO MATTER WHERE I HIT, HE'S THERE.
MUM
BLE
Here and there.
GRR ...!!
I ALMOST HAD IT!
WHY WAS HE EVERYWHERE...?
TAKITA, JUST TEN MORE
NOT MANY LEFT NOW
OKAY.
IDE CAN HIT IT BACK NOW BUT HE HAS NO TECHNIQUE. IT BECAME A LONG RALLY.
No wonder Takita's tuckered out
WELL, IDE SUDDENLY LEARNED HOW TO RETURN THE BALL.
TAKITA IS HEAV-ING.

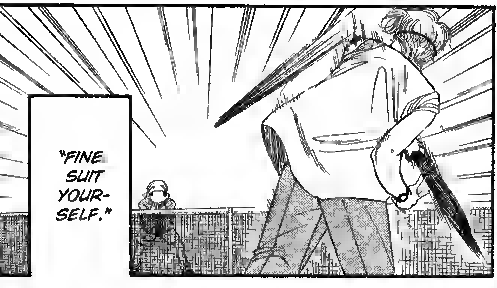
HUFF
HUFF
SHIT. I DON'T HAVE TAKITA'S TECHNIQUES.
WHAT DO I DO?
IT'LL END AS QUICKLY AS I WANT IT TO.
BUT I DON'T THINK...
takes off
AHA
OH
CHIP
IDE-KUN!! IF YOU CAN CONTROL WHERE THE BALL GOES,
TRY TO MAKE HIM RUN RIGHT AND LEFT!
HITTING THE BALL BACK TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COURT IS ALREADY TOUGH ENOUGH
MAKE TAKITA-KUN RUN
I'M NOT ASKING FOR SOMETHING PERFECT. EVEN A LITTLE IS ENOUGH.

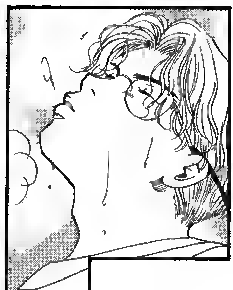
HUH?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
SILENCE...
THUMP
THUMP
YES
THIS FEELING...
TEZUKA

HEY, ISN'T THAT IDE GUY'S FORM GETTING BETTER?
YEAH.
MUCHMUCH
MUCHMUCH
NOT JUST THAT, HIS FOOT-WORK IS, TOO.
MAYBE HINAKO WARNED HIM
IT MUST BE.
IT'S
COMING BACK!
AI
ATTA

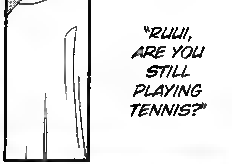

TAKITA, NINE TO GO

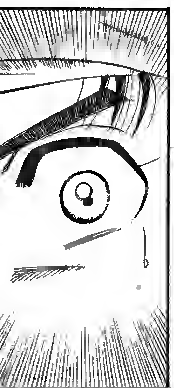

AH!! DAMM-IT!
THE CENTER LINE?!

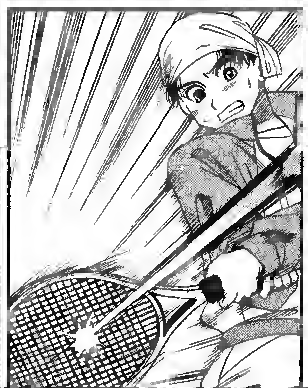

"FINE. SUIT YOUR-SELF."



"BUT EVEN AT THE STUDENT LEVEL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THE TOP TIER."


"RUUI, ARE YOU STILL PLAYING TENNIS?"





SERVE AND VOLLEY...!!
I'LL WIN THE INTER-HIGH!!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO CONVINCE DAD!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TODAY.
SHOULD I SEND A COPY TO THE CLUB'S ADDRESS?
YES.
SASEKO-KUN, CAN I ASK A PERSONAL QUESTION?
THAT DEPENDS ON THE QUEST-ION
LOOKS LIKE TAKITA-KUN QUIT TENNIS.
YOU WERE CLUB MATES SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE HOW DO YOU FEEL?
IT'S TRULY A SHAME I THOUGHT SASEKO AND TAKITA WOULD HAVE BEEN THE TWO PILLARS THAT SUPPORT JAPANESE MEN'S TENNIS IN THE FUTURE.
SAD.
HE WAS A GOOD RIVAL... AS WELL AS A COMRADE.

YOU THINK HE'S STILL PLAYING SOMEWHERE?
TAKITA LEFT THE CLUB... BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S STOPPED PLAYING TENNIS.
I HOPE SO
FOR A TENNIS GENIUS LIKE YOU
TO ACKNOWLEDGE TAKITA-KUN'S POTENTIAL IS A BIG DEAL.

I NEVER SAW MYSELF AS A GENIUS
I EVEN THOUGHT THAT THE "HARD-WORKING TAKITA" WAS THE GENIUS
THEN AGAIN, I CAN'T REALLY SAY FOR SURE.
A TRUE GENIUS... IS PROBABLY SOMETHING LIKE A MONSTER.
HIDING SOMEWHERE.
AND ONE DAY, HE'LL SUDDENLY MAKE AN APPEARANCE.
HUP!
IT'D BE...
VERY SCARY.

I MUST MAKE HIM RUN AS MUCH AS I CAN!!
SO HE'S SEEN THROUGH MY SLICE SHOTS...
HE CAN DO LOW-BOUNCING BALLS, NOW.
CROSS COURT
CROSS-COURT
WAIT FOR YOUR CHANCE !!
MAKE HIM RUN A LITTLE BIT MORE
THE FASTER THE BALL COMES, THE BETTER YOU CHANCE IS TO MESS UP HIS RHYTHM.
THE TRICK TO HITTING A RISING SHOT IS...
ONE ...
NOT GIVING THE OPPONENT A BREAK.
THAT'S A RISING SHOT.

TWO
TIMING YOUR SWING RIGHT!!
DOWN THE LINE?!
HE REACTED !!

ポーン
ドン
!!
I LOST.
YOU GOT ME WITH THAT ONE.

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Chapter 006
Who's the partner?

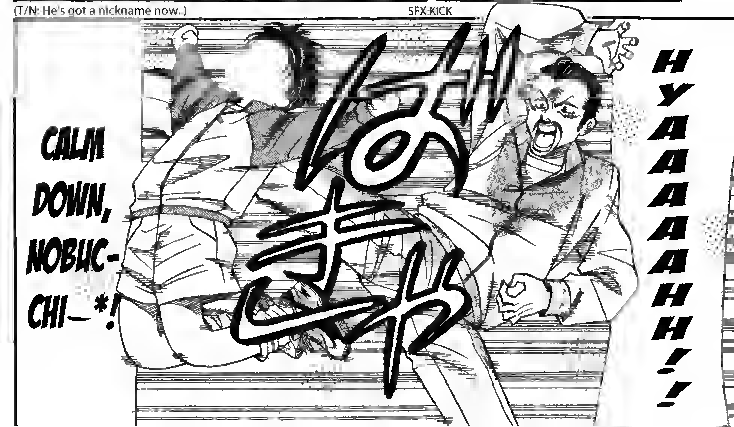
LIKE THIS?
I WON...
I...? WON...?
I WON?
REACHES OUT

IDE! SHAKE HIS HAND, MAN SPORTS-MANSHIP!
IT'S OVER.
TAKITA
.....
YOU ...
WENT EASY ON ME!!

RESPECT YOUR SENPAI!!
This Brat!
WHAT?!
Shut Up?
SMASH
SHUT UP!!
YEAH, THAT DOWN-THE-LINE HIT WAS CLEARLY A WINNER.
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, IDE?
POP
TAKITA !!
SFX Point
WHY ?!
!!
YOU COULD HAVE EASILY RE-CIEVED THAT BALL!
WHY DIDN'T YOU FOLLOW IT?!

MAYBE IF IT'S YOU.
YOU COULD HAVE DEFINITELY REACHED THAT BALL~~!
LIAR! YOU REACTED TO IT!
BUT NOT ME!
Pushes Pushes Pushes
PUSH BACK
.....
I COULDN'T HAVE
NO
YOU WON YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY.
OVER IS OVER I'M NOT PLAYING ANYMORE.
GIVE IT YOUR ALL UNTIL THE END, YOU BASTARD!
YOU DON'T ABANDON THE MATCH!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?! YOU DON'T QUIT HALFWAY!
CRACK
SNAP
AH?
TURN

(T/N: He's got a nickname now.)



SFX Bang Thud Bite whack

¼ No 7
"Cigarette and Coffee"

I drink coffee all day long I sometimes get tired of juice but I'd never turn down coffee I'm quite a coffee-addict. I only smoke when I'm plotting a draft though It's like stress-relief for me I know it's bad for my health so when my sister asked

Ashtray

You smoked again?

I d-didn't

Oh yeah?

I just lied through my teeth (Am I a child?) See you in vol.2 - Marimo

GYAA PAT

NOW, TAKITA

LET'S CLEAN UP

GYAA

ACK! HE BIT ME!

HOLD HIM DOWN !!

!!

clack

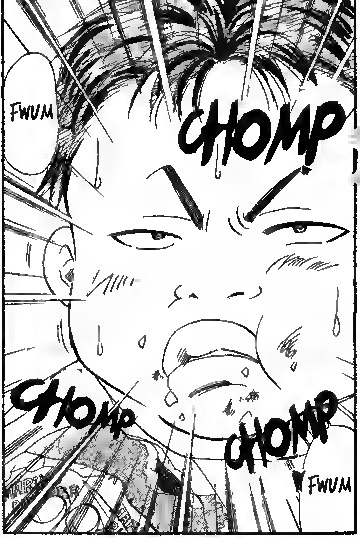
HINAKO-SAN ...

YOU'LL... ONLY GET BETTER
NO, MORE THAN GOOD
YOU DID A GOOD JOB EVEN THOUGH IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME..
IT TOOK YOU A DAY TO OVERCOME WHAT TAKES NORMAL PEOPLE MONTHS
THIS IS BAD...
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO SMILE.
THANKS FOR TODAY.
GASP
HINA-KO-SAN
TH-

GRIP
ACTUALLY...
I FEEL JEALOUS
WAVE
WAVE
Clueless
HE...
WON'T UNDERSTAND.
SORRY, IDE-KUN.
OF YOUR LEGS,
-Hi-na-ko-san <3
AND OF YOUR MATCH WITH TAKITA-KUN.
IT'S TOO PAINFUL.
AHH—

step
step
step
step
HEY...
YEAH, BEING LOWSY THIRD-YEARS SUCKS
AFTER WATCHING HIM PLAY, NO MATTER HOW COCKY TAKITA GETS, I WON'T DARE SCOLD HIM ANYMORE
waddle
waddle
waddle
HM?
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS.
I THINK I FORGOT SOMETHING BUT...
HM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
waddle
Ewww
Ewww
WE ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT YOU AND WENT HOME!
YOU'RE STILL DOING LAPS.
MOCHI-MIYA, SORRY.
ドッタタタタ
SFX TAD TAD TAD TAD TAD

YOU WENT OFF-TRACK, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU'RE EATING AND RUNNING?!
WHAT THE ...!!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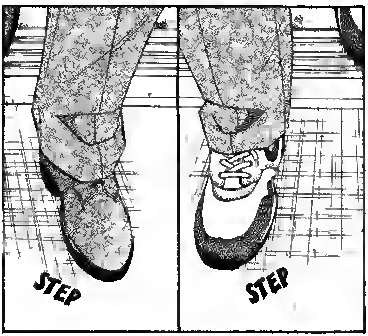
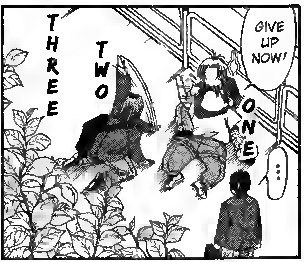
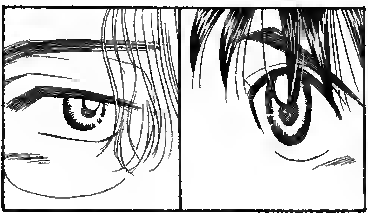
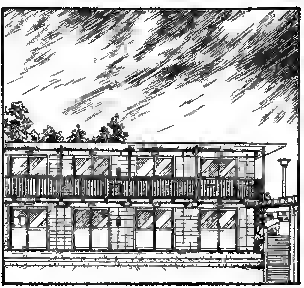

STEP
STEP


THREE
TWO
ONE
GIVE UP NOW!
...



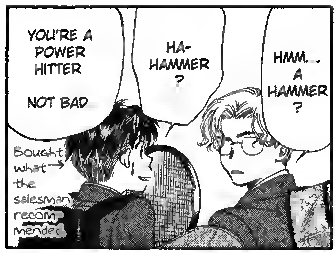


IDE, WAIT FOR ME.
sniff
I'M GOING TO BECOME SO GOOD YOU CAN'T GO EASY ON ME ANYMORE
YOU'RE GONNA REGRET TODAY.
IDIOT.
BY THE TIME YOU'RE GOOD, I'LL ALREADY BE BETTER.
Today...
I'M STILL PUTTING MY SHOES ON!
IDE!
DROOPY EYES!
TODDLER.

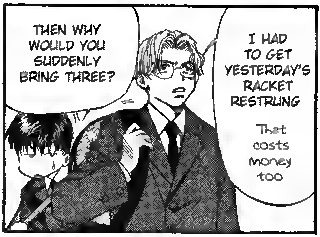
Makunogama High's men's tennis club has reached its first milestone.
The next day
chatter
chatter
RUIRUI.
RUIRU—!
HEY
RUIRU—!
.....
IDE STOP WITH THE "RUI-RUI"
It gives me the creeps
THEN, RUIRUI.
.....
DON'T IGNORE ME, RUIRU!
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?
Good morning
TAD
TAD
TAD

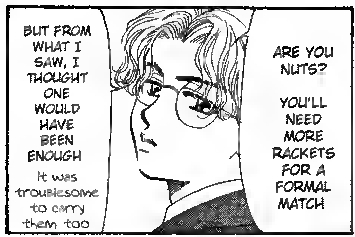
ARE YOU THE TYPE THAT HOLDS DEEP GRUDGES?
YOU WERE MAD AT ME JUST YESTERDAY...
STOP THAT OVERLY-FAMILIAR ACT...
COME ON— YESTERDAY'S ENEMY IS TODAY'S FRIEND...
BEAM
IT'S YOUR ROLLERCOASTER MOOD-SWINGS THAT ARE THE PROBLEM!
NOW YOU'RE PICKING FAULTS WITH MY PERSONALITY?
PAHA
What's with that "Paha"?!
I CAUGHT THE SPORTING GOODS SHOP JUST BEFORE IT CLOSED AND BOUGHT THIS
AWESOME, RIGHT? RIGHT?
TEE HEE
TADAA
HERE
?
WHATEVER I JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU HOW DETERMINED I WAS...

WHAT'S WITH THAT SUPER BIG RACKET BAG?! HOW MANY RACKETS ARE IN THERE?!
HUH? JUST THREE
THREE?!
One is costly enough.


HMM.. A HAMMER?
HA-HAMMER?
YOU'RE A POWER HITTER
NOT BAD
Bought what the salesman recommended.

AH!!


THEN WHY WOULD YOU SUDDENLY BRING THREE?
I HAD TO GET YESTERDAY'S RACKET RESTRUNG
That costs money too


BUT FROM WHAT I SAW, I THOUGHT ONE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH
It was troublesome to carry them too
ARE YOU NUTS?
YOU'LL NEED MORE RACKETS FOR A FORMAL MATCH

HUH?
BECAUSE WHEN I PLAYED WITH YOU,
I HAD TO USE A LOT OF SPINS

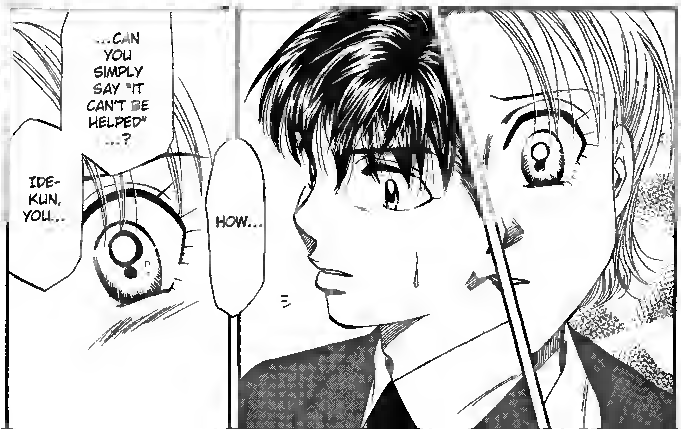
I TOLD YOU.
I HAD TO GET YESTERDAY'S RACKET RESTRUNG.

UNLESS YOU HAVE A PRACTICING PARTNER LIKE THAT
YOU DON'T NEED THAT MANY RACKETS.
WHOA!
GRAB
NO! YOU HAVEN'T REALLY SMILED UNTIL NOW.
OF COURSE, I CAN SMILE.
PLEASE. I AM HUMAN.
HE SMILED! THE IRON-MASK SMILED!
AMAZED
SO YOU DID GET SORE MUSCLES FROM YESTERDAY.
PAIN PAIN
OW AWW —!!
Ayaa
AMATEUR
SIGH

chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE HIDING?!
EH?!
JOLT
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME ALL DAY LONG!
GET OVER HERE RIGHT NOW!
EN-OUGH!
IDE-KUN!
STARE
!
I DON'T LIKE BEING SPIED ON!
IF YOU HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY TO ME, THEN SAY IT.
fidget
fidget
DUDE... YOU'RE BEING TREATED LIKE A FOUR-YEAR-OLD.
EH?
UHM. . .
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU SO...

BECAUSE HINAKO-SAN, YOU'RE ALWAYS BY YOUR-SELF...
I FEEL LIKE...
YOU'RE BUILDING A WALL AROUND YOUR-SELF.
YOU PROBABLY FEEL AWKWARD BEING IN THE SAME CLASS WITH PEOPLE YOUNGER THAN YOU.
BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOR THREE YEARS, SO LET'S GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE.


...CAN YOU SIMPLY SAY "IT CAN'T BE HELPED"...?
IDE-KUN, YOU...
HOW...

HOW HORRIBLE I FELT ON MY FIRST DAY?
TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN AS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ?
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA... HOW MUCH COURAGE IT TOOK ME...
YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND.
HINAKO -SAN.
CLACK
MURMUR
I..
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS ENTIRELY BUT...
CARE ABOUT YOU MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER KNOW.

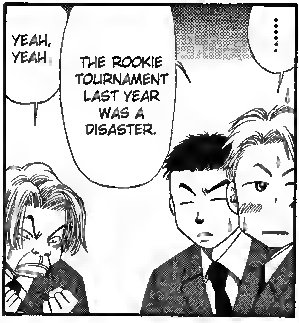
Lunch Break
MIYAMO-CHAN!
HINAKO-SHAN IS MAD AT ME!
BLOW
WHAT ARE YOU, A PRE-SCHOOLER?
MY BLAZER ...
EEP! THE CANE SOUNDS PISSED.
clack clack
I-IDE, WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
A PUBLIC LOVE CONFESSION?!
Flip
Murmur Murmur
WHO !!
WHACK WORK

SLIDE
IT'S ME, OHKOUCHI
SORRY I'M LATE
SENPAI,
CAN I EAT AND LISTEN?
SORRY, I HAVEN'T HAD LUNCH
LUNCH BREAK IS SHORT
YOU'RE SO SLOW, UCHII.
Gulp
The cafeteria was packed
SURE.
WE'RE DONE WITH SINGLES
The 10C district's Men tennis tournament
School name : Makuhigaoka Hyakunen
Singles
No
Player's name
1 Fujitani Ryuu
2 Misawa Haruto
3 Kitaayi Kanta
4 Ohkouchi Mitsuki
5 Aoki Tamio
6 Takita Ruu
7
8
9
10
OH, YOU LET TAKITA COMPETE EVEN THOUGH HE'S STILL A FIRST YEAR.
YOU BET.
AND I PUT HIS NAME ON FOR THE TEAM TOURNAMENT TOO.
For singles
write
write
THE SPOTS FOR THE TEAM TOURNAMENT ARE DECIDED.
BUT DOUBLES IS A PROBLEM.
WE CAN SUBMIT THREE TEAMS FOR DOUBLES THAT'S SIX PLAYERS.
THREE THIRD-YEARS, AND TWO SECOND YEARS.
MUNCH
PLUS TAKITA, THAT'S SIX.

I'M WITH TAKITA.
OKAY.

AMONG THE CLUB MEMBERS, THE PLAYER WHOSE SKILL IS MOST BEFITTING TO PAIR WITH THE AWESOME TAKITA
FRESH
IS YOU, UCHI -KUN.

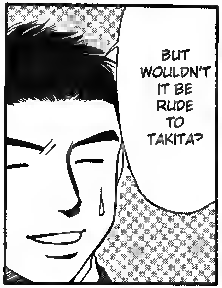
?
sxaLe


YEAH, YEAH.
THE ROOKIE TOURNAMENT LAST YEAR WAS A DISASTER.
.....

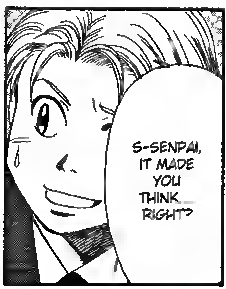
IF YOU TEAM WITH TAKITA,
WHO'LL TAKE AOKI?!
AS IF WE COULD DO THAT!
Queen

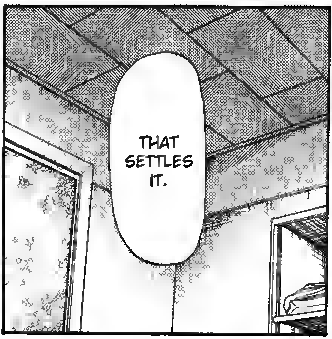
THAT JACKASS AOKI—
AND AOKI WITH KITAOUCHI.
WE HAD YOU TEAM UP WITH MISAWA.
Equally Good
Equally Bad
SHAKING

YOU HAVE A WEIRD CHILDHOOD FRIEND
THE HONKING WENT ON FOR THREE DAYS UNTIL WE SWITCHED THE PAIRS.
The last day he was coughing blood.
YEAH, HE'S BEEN WEIRD SINCE HE WAS A KID.
BY SINGING QUEEN'S "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY" IN ALL OUR PRACTICE SESSIONS~~!
MADE A STATEMENT FOR NOT BEING PAIRED UP WITH YOU
HIS HAIRSTYLE LAST YEAR
ME?
THAT LEAVES THE ONLY PERSON SUITABLE FOR TAKITA...
Yeah. It's That infuriating old man he
And on the bus
C-COME ON! I WAS JUST SAYING!
AH.
YES-TER-DAY...
A PERFECT PARTNER FOR SOMEONE WHO USED TO COMPETE AT THE JUNIOR'S TOURNAMENT,
IS NONE OF US
DIDN'T YOU SEE HOW GOOD TAKITA WAS YESTER DAY?


BUT WOULDN'T IT BE RUDE TO TAKITA?

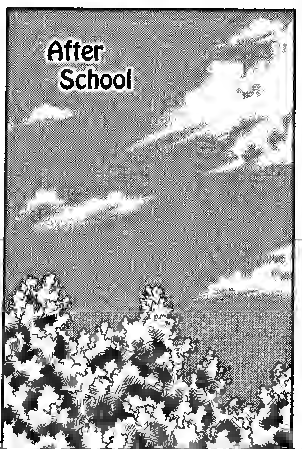
Y-YOU GUYS TOO?


S-SENPAI, IT MADE YOU THINK... RIGHT?

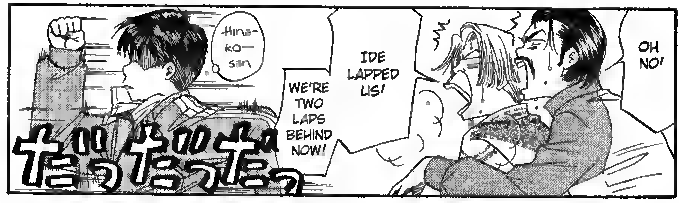

THAT SETTLES IT.

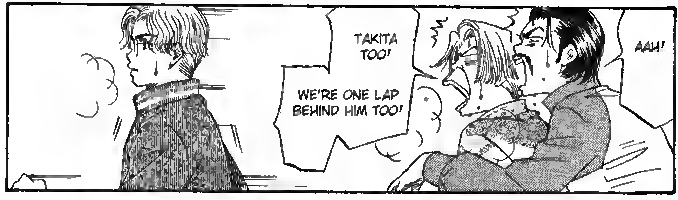
SUTACHI
SUTACHI

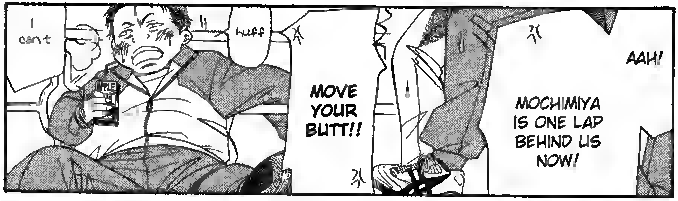
HISASHI JUNTO
JUNTO
HISASHI


After School

Nod
FROM TODAY ON, WE'LL RUN AS MUCH AS YOU DO.
YEAH, THE TOURNAMENT IS COMING UP SOON.
WE NEED TO SHOW OUR SPIRIT.
I SEE.
This marked the time when Makunogama's men's tennis club
Heave
Huff
began to practice as a team.
My back
HEAVE
My side hurts
HUFF
HEAVE


Hina-ko-san
WE'RE TWO LAPS BEHIND NOW!
IDE LAPPED US!
OH NO!


TAKITA TOO!
WE'RE ONE LAP BEHIND HIM TOO!
AAH!


I can't
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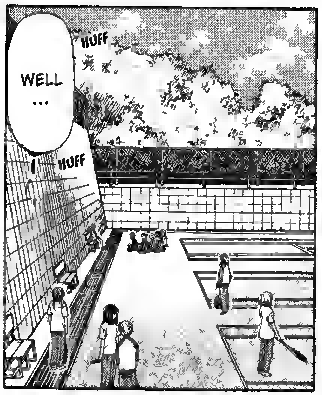
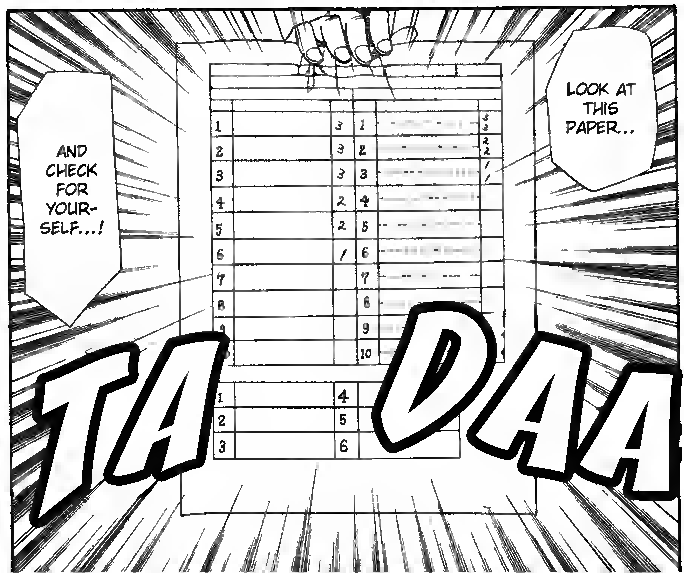
MOVE YOUR BUTT!!
AAH!
MOCHIMIYA IS ONE LAP BEHIND US NOW!


HUFF
WELL ...
HUFF

Well...
But the running has no unity at all.
Let's just walk
HUFF
HUFF

ANNOUNCE THE MEMBERS... WHO WILL JOIN... THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT WHICH IS THE PRELIMINARY FOR THE KANTOU TOURNAMENT... AND INTER-HIGH TOURNAMENT
I'M GOING TO...
Huff
Huff
Hii
BUT I'VE CHANGED MY MIND
YOU GUYS CAN...
Hii
Huff
Hii


LOOK AT THIS PAPER...
AND CHECK FOR YOURSELF...!
TA DAA

AND DOUB-LES?
SINGLES, TEAM
Just singles is enough.
HM?
THEY PUT ME IN EVERY-THING?
Huff hi i
FROM THIS ANGLE, I'M A PRETTY BOY.
Huff
STOP BEING GLOOMY! IT'S ANNOYING
TAKE A LOOK AT THE DOUBLES!
WHAT? IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME ANYWAY.
HUH?
PAT PAT
HEY! HEY! IDE! LOOK AT THE ROSTER!
Takita Ruui
Ide Nobuhisa
HM? DOUBLES ?
TAKITA RUUI...
IDE NOBUHISA ...

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